

Parish Council Minutes – January 29, 2024

1. Fr. Michael Gurnick
2. Brian Jecker
3. Tom Stanton
4. Christy Bartley
5. Scott Menningen
6. Deacon Bill Merriman
7. Stephanie Pritts

Meeting Started: 1910 Meeting Ended: 2110 Location: Rectory Meeting Room

- I. Opening Prayer - Tom
- II. The minutes from November 20, 2023 were reviewed and approved with one minor edit (dates)
- III. Recent Event Review
 - a. Advent/Christmas
 - i. Attendance was up on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
 - ii. Several new faces in the music group at both 4:30 and 09:30 mass
 - iii. New Year's Solemnity was not a holy day of obligation. Still had good attendance.
- IV. Upcoming Events
 - a. Beignets, Bacon, & Berries (Mardi Gras) - February 10th-11th
 - b. Ash Wednesday/Lent - February 14th
 - i. 8:00am and 5:30pm - St. Patrick
 - ii. 12:00pm and 7:00pm - St. Malachi
 - c. Collaboration Town Hall - February 21st
 - i. 5:30pm mass at St. Malachi; no weekday mass at St. Patrick that day
 - ii. Light supper hospitality
 - iii. Town hall meeting to begin about 7pm (about 90 minutes)
 - d. Evening of Confession - February 28th
 - i. St. Malachi, St. Patrick, St. Peter, St. Wendelin, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
 - ii. 5:00pm-8:00pm at St. Malachi
 - iii. There is an event at St. Ignatius this year so we were unable to gather there this year
 - e. St. Patrick Dance - March 2nd
 - i. Committee is planning food, drink and entertainment
 - ii. Great way to start the St. Patrick Day celebration early
- V. Pastor's Report
 - a. Parish Collaboration Steering Committee
 - i. The committee has been meeting often over the past 3 months (every other week via Zoom)
 - ii. We have had two members drop out for individual reasons
 - iii. Retreat took place this past weekend
 1. Establish core values and vision
 2. Establish mission statement
 3. Strategic planning is forthcoming for working groups
 - iv. Information will be shared and feedback gathered during the town hall meeting on February 21st
 - v. Working groups
 1. launch day will take place on March 9th at St. Patrick
 2. Discussion will take place from March through May
 3. Final recommendations submitted to the pastor by June 1st
 - b. Built of Living Stones
 - i. Summary document is almost complete and will be shared
 - ii. Speaker series during Lent have been postponed

- c. Eucharistic Revival
 - i. Our district has been asked to identify 10 individuals to attend Eucharistic Congress in Indiana
 - d. Donation from the family of Julie Rittenhouse
 - i. Creating a discretionary fund to support those in bereavement, including parish outreach programs and practical support
 - ii. Parish council made a unanimous recommendation/approval to Fr. Gurnick
- VI. Council Updates
- a. Facilities/Restoration - Brian
 - i. Masonry Project
 - 1. Restoration Committee is reviewing documentation from Osbourne
 - 2. RFP goes out in mid February and gather responses in about a month
 - 3. Send selected bids to the Diocese by May 1st
 - ii. Organ Restoration
 - 1. Initial focus on the pedal system
 - 2. Eventual project will be extensive refurbishment of the entire instrument
 - iii. St. Patrick's Day - Mass, Breakfast, Drawing
 - 1. Planning for the meal is in progress. Will be the full hot breakfast same as last year
 - 2. Mass planning is occurring with the music group
 - 3. Ticket sales were strong at the beginning, but then leveled off
 - b. Creation Care - Brenna & Scott
 - i. Green Infrastructure Grant - met with consulting group this past Friday
 - 1. Two potential solutions were presented - permeable pavers or underground retention system
 - 2. Reviewing options during another meeting this week
 - 3. Will dovetail into eventual discussions of campus planning and facilities reviews
 - ii. Street Trees
 - 1. New trees were planted along Whitman Ave in the tree lawn
 - c. Charity of the Month - Kate & Christy
 - i. Advent Giving Tree
 - 1. Response was strong again this year
 - 2. Towards the end of the drive, we directed donations to four agencies wish lists
 - ii. January and February do not have any agencies
 - d. Outreach Ministries - Deacon Bill
 - i. Food pantry numbers are stable over the past few months
 - ii. St. Patrick is responsible for the hot meal coming up 2/6 - serving on average 70-80 people
 - iii. Ecumenical Christmas Caroling
 - 1. Modest group participated
 - 2. Caroled throughout the neighborhood included stopping at numerous houses
 - 3. St. Paul's Lutheran and Fairview Gardens were also included
 - e. Communications - Christy
 - f. Faith Formation - Stephanie
 - i. Mid-year meeting with catechists was held this past weekend
 - ii. More collaboration will take place between the PSR grades
 - iii. Family Mass is taking place this coming weekend
 - iv. RCIA is still meeting using a more collaborative approach this year with additional speakers

- v. Men's group is forming. They will collaborate with the Knights of Columbus
 - g. Parish Business - Scott
 - i. We Give Catholic
 - 1. Total collected was over \$10,000 for groups/programs that use the Club building or for supplies/equipment/updates for the Club building facilities
 - ii. Church Bells
 - 1. Service call was held
 - 2. Circuit breaker replacement is in progress
 - iii. Budgets
 - 1. Initial reviews will start in February
- VII. Closing Prayer - Stephanie