

Parish Council Minutes – November 21, 2022

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| 1. Fr. Michael Gurnick | 5. Christy Bartley | 9. Brenna Davis |
| 2. Brian Jecker | 6. Deacon Bill Merriman | 10. Ian Brown |
| 3. Scott Menningen | 7. Stephanie Pritts | |
| 4. Tom Stanton | 8. Kathy Wadowick | |

Meeting Started: 1905 Meeting Ended: 2100 Location: Rectory Meeting Room

- I. Opening Prayer - Brian
- II. The minutes from October 17, 2022 were reviewed and approved
- III. Welcome Brenna Davis
 - a. Jesuit Volunteer in 2010; involved in Creation Care;
 - b. Works at Ignatian Solidarity Network
 - c. Lives in the neighborhood
- IV. Advent Giving Tree (update provided by Kate B)
 - a. Coordinated with PSR and Charity of the Month reps to get 10 items from each charity that represented “gift” like requests (i.e. certain gifts for Metro Catholic families in needs, special requests from residents of Franklin Plaza, L’Arche, and “gift bags” for Malachi Center)
 - b. Depending on the type of gift, Christy and Cookie made big and small gift tags to indicate the demand of the request
 - c. Brian made a great announcement at each mass for We Give Catholic and Giving Tree two weekends ago to kick it off (weekend of 11/12-13); our reps decided not to present since it was duplicate but can present if it would be helpful
 - d. Tree went up with tags weekend of 11/12-13, and incredible response followed! Most tags were taken, prompting Christy and team to add additional tags for “routine” requests in event that certain items for tags taken weren’t fulfilled (cleaning/ hygiene products, gift cards, etc.)
 - e. PSR families will help to compile gift bags for Malachi Center last weekend in November; have a few other giving tree related activities scheduled
 - f. Will conclude giving tree by the 12/15 (officially) but will accept anything that comes during weekend of 12/17-18
 - g. Deliveries will take place the week of 12/19 and will be handled by Charity of the Month reps and PSR volunteers
- V. #WeGiveCatholic - Parish Van
 - a. Donations coming in via Faith Direct and envelopes in the collection
 - b. Committee has decided to focus on a passenger van, not a cargo van
 - c. The next meeting of the van committee will be in December
 - d. Need to work details for requirements for designated drivers
 - i. Background check, Virtus training, etc.
- VI. Advent and Christmas
 - a. Mass schedule - regular weekend schedule; Monday, Wednesday, and Friday weeknight masses
 - i. Friday Nights in Advent
 1. each Friday starts with weeknight mass
 2. Each week has a different theme/sponsor (Adoration, meal, book reflection, contemplative mass)
 - b. Waiting in Joyful Hope Daily Reflections - books are available in the church
 - c. Diocesan Nine Nights of Prayer - Nov 30th-Dec 8th - 8pm each night

- i. Prayer begins at 8:15pm
 - ii. Dec 8th - social will follow the final night with Bernadette's Friend ice cream
- d. National Night of Prayer for Life - begins at 9pm on 12/8 until 1am 12/9
- e. Advent Giving Tree - see above
- f. An Evening with Dawn Eden Goldstein
- g. Feast of Immaculate Conception - Dec 7th 5:30 vigil Dec 8th 8am and 5:30pm
 - i. Malachi's - 12 noon on Dec 8th

VII. Pastor's Report

- a. Music Ministry
 - i. Elizabeth was recognized at the 8:30am mass on 11/20. She is staying with us for Saturday's - weddings and mass
 - ii. Pat McCoska is taking over the 8:30 mass organist duties and music ministry
- b. Windows and Sanctuary
 - i. Whitney Studios was not able to meet the October 31st deadline for the two windows
 - ii. They will pick back up after the Christmas season
 - iii. The sanctuary is going to be rearranged tomorrow (11/22) (sound, lighting, site lines, etc.)
- c. Building with Living Stones
 - i. Over the next twelve months, parish leadership groups and the parish will reflect and converse on the church worship space using the Built of Living Stones book as a guide
 - ii. Three town hall discussions will take place during this process
- d. Parish Worship - The Diocese is allowing parishes to begin distribution of the precious blood.
 - i. The committee is going to be reviewing this for our parish
 - ii. No changes are going to be made until at least after Christmas season
- e. St. Malachi's Strategic Planning - town hall meetings taking place Dec 3rd and Dec 4th
- f. Servers
 - i. Jeff Bartley has been reaching out to youth in parish to build up numbers
 - ii. Response from the Family Mass has been successful

VIII. Council Updates

- a. Outreach Ministries
 - i. Meal's Program and Pantry
 - 1. Numbers are increasing and resources are getting strained due to food price increases
 - 2. Working with the Food Bank to address concerns
 - ii. Franklin Plaza Nursing Home
 - 1. Deacon Bill would like to increase visitation with residents
 - 2. Charity of the Month funds are being coordinated with the activities program
 - 3. Suggested having lunch and meeting with administrator and representatives from the parish to determine how we can support the residents and caregivers better
- b. Communications
 - i. Parish website has the pastoral council page ready for release
- c. Facilities and Restoration
 - i. Projects completed - east egress, painting, roof, lightning rods
 - ii. Active project - windows (see above)

- iii. Future project - masonry work is needed, particular in the basement and west side of the church. Nothing immediately pressing, but would rather address areas before they become major issues.
 - iv. Grant from NEORS D was just received this week to study parking lot retrofit and storm water management
 - d. Faith Formation
 - i. Walking with Purpose - Bible study is currently meeting. Includes virtual and in person meeting
 - e. Parish Business
 - i. Thanksgiving Day St. Vincent de Paul raffle was successful
 - ii. Parish letter regarding finance budget and parish statistics will be going out in the mail in the next two weeks
 - iii. Advent Lessons and Carols - getting the word out to increase attendance
 - iv. Diocesan audit is starting next week
 - f. Consolation Ministry
 - i. Mass of Remembrance was held in early November
 - ii. Grieving Through the Holidays meeting was held last Sunday
 - 1. Attendance was less than expected, but positive feedback and desire to hold future events
 - iii. Ministry has decided that they will be called Consolation Ministry
 - g. Charity of the Month
 - i. January Charity of the Month is Zelig's House (Jennine Malone); she will need to make the announcement at mass either weekend of Christmas Eve / Christmas or New Year's Eve
- IX. Closing Prayer - Deacon Bill