

Parish Council Minutes – February 26, 2024

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

Meeting Started: 1905 Meeting Ended: 2055 Location: Ballroom

- I. Opening Prayer - Father Gurnick
- II. The minutes from January 29, 2024 were reviewed and approved
- III. Recent Event Review
 - a. Mardi Gras
 - i. We had great crowds after all three Masses, including 25 after the 4:30 vigil.
 - ii. We ended up having to order more beignet mix and used up all the other supplies on Sunday
 - b. Collaboration Town Hall
 - i. About 90 people attended the event at St. Malachi
 1. Weekday Mass was well attended, and then additional people showed up for the meal and the meeting
 2. Split was fairly even between St. Patrick and St. Malachi
 - ii. Lots of optimism in the room, but there was also some hints of fear and pessimism as well
 - iii. The steering committee did a great job presenting their work so far and trying to answer the questions that came up during the event
- IV. Upcoming Events
 - a. St. Patrick Dance - March 2, 2024 @6:30pm
 - b. Church Cleanup - March 10, 2023 after the 11am Mass
 - c. St. Patrick's Day
 - i. Mass at 9:30am - only Mass on Sunday
 - ii. Breakfast will be provided in the Club after Mass
 - iii. Restoration Drawing will be held at noon in the ballroom
 - d. Holy Week & Easter
 - i. Night of Confessions - at St. Malachi - 2/28 5-8pm
 - ii. Palm Sunday - regular weekend schedule
 - iii. Tenebre - Monday 3/25 hosted by Central West district at St. Wendelin 7pm
 - iv. Chrism Mass - Tuesday at cathedral 7pm
 - v. Mass of the Lord's Supper - Thursday 7pm
 1. Night hike - 7 churches in Ohio City and Tremont are participating
 2. Adoration will be available until 11pm
 - vi. Good Friday - 12pm Stations of the cross; 3pm Mass
 - vii. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil at St. Malachi 8:30pm
 1. Both parishes will be represented in music, ministry, ushers, etc.
 - viii. Blessing of Food - Saturday morning 10-noon
 - ix. Easter Sunday - regular mass schedule at both St. Patrick and St. Malachi
- V. Pastor's Report
 - a. Liturgical Season
 - i. May 18th - extended vigil of Pentecost - hosted at St. Patrick
 - b. Keeping the Faith - diocesan clustering of schools
 - i. We are in cluster 7

- ii. Metro Catholic School, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, St. Augustine Parish, St. Boniface Parish, St. Colman Parish, St. John Cantius Parish, St. Malachi Parish, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, St. Patrick Parish, St. Rocco Parish & School, St. Stephen, St. Wendelin Parish
- iii. Discussions are happening this year with decision making by July 1st
- c. Diocese Structure
 - i. Moving from clustering to deanery
 - ii. Each area will have a representative priest, a dean
- d. Eucharistic Congress
 - i. Taking place in Indiana in July
 - ii. 10 representatives from our district are attending
 - iii. 250 representatives from the diocese are attending

VI. Council Updates

- a. Facilities/Restoration - Brian
 - i. Masonry Project
 - 1. We have sent out requests for proposal to six viable contractors in the area
 - 2. Decision will be made in early March
 - 3. Goal is to have the project complete in November
 - ii. Windows
 - 1. The rose window on the east side is ready to go
 - 2. Contractor is waiting until the weather stabilizes
- b. Creation Care - Scott
 - i. Green Infrastructure Grant
 - 1. Trying to take 138,000 gallons of water out of the storm sewers
 - 2. Three different proposals were evaluated for the west parking lot
 - 3. Proposals were reviewed by the Facilities Committee and a recommendation was made to move forward
- c. Charity of the Month
 - i. March charity is Malachi Center
- d. Outreach Ministries - Deacon Bill
 - i. Food Pantry is serving 170 families on Wednesdays
 - ii. Hot meal on Tuesday and Thursday is serving about 110 people on average
- e. Faith Formation - Stephanie
 - i. 1st Sunday of Lent - RCIA group was at the cathedral - welcoming of the Elect
 - ii. 1st Reconciliation is this week
 - iii. Confirmation - April 7th at the cathedral
- f. Parish Business - Scott
 - i. Diocesan Insurance Information was shared with the group
 - ii. Scott and Jeanette have been meeting to compare/contrast responsibilities at both parishes. Looking at roles, hours, job description, etc.

VII. Closing Prayer - Stephanie