

Parish Council Minutes – March 18, 2024

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

Meeting Started: 1905 Meeting Ended: 2110 Location: Rectory Meeting Room

- I. Opening Prayer - Scott
- II. The minutes from February 26, 2024 were reviewed and approved
- III. Recent Event Review
 - a. St. Patrick's Dance
 - i. Event was well attended and made a modest profit
 - ii. Entertainment provided by Brady-Campbell School of Irish Dance and the Cleveland Firefighters Memorial Pipes and Drums
 - iii. Discussion was held regarding the number of events in February and March
 1. Is there room to push particular event(s) to later in the year?
 2. The possibility of restarting the Hooley in the Fall was also discussed
 - b. Collaboration Work Group Launch Day
 - i. 60 people attended the session in the Lower Hall
 - ii. Enthusiasm and excitement from both St. Malachi's and St. Pat's participants
 - iii. Eight workgroups were introduced and tasked with reviewing the current setup of their areas and then come up with viable recommendations to present to Fr. Gurnick
 1. Short term and long term recommendations were requested
 2. Work groups include Communication, Staffing and Administration, Parish Council, Finances/Budget, Liturgical/Worship, Physical Plant/Facilities, Faith Formation/Spiritual Life, and Ministries of Charity
 - c. St. Patrick's Day
 - i. Largest crowd we have seen since 2020
 - ii. Mass was led by Bishop Roger and the church full with a large crowd in the back
 - iii. Breakfast in the Club was well attended with full crowds on all three floors
 - iv. The main raffle was sold out and the basket raffle was very successful
- IV. Upcoming Events
 - a. Holy Week
 - i. See last month's minutes for full schedule
 - ii. Palm Sunday - will start at the back of the church for the procession due to forecast
 - iii. Holy Saturday - will be hosted by St. Malachi
 1. Shuttle service from St. Patrick's parking lot
 - a. three set times
 - b. Randi Allard will be driving the van
 - iv. Easter Monday - offices are closed and no public liturgy will be held
- V. Pastor's Report
 - a. Eclipse - April 8th
 - i. Parish will be closed based on advisement of Cleveland Police
 - ii. No weekday mass that day
- VI. Parish Collaboration
 - a. Groups told they do not need to have everything figured out come July 1st
 - i. Try to come up with short-term goals and long-term goals
 - b. What is an Oratory? - needed for both St. Malachi and St. Patrick

- c. Work group membership is evenly split between both parishes
- d. There is a lot of history of collaboration between the parishes
 - i. the creation of Urban Community School
 - ii. The cluster process with Malachi's, Pat's, and Wendelin's
 - iii. Both good and bad memories exist from these various programs/projects
- e. Concern about lack of involvement from young people in the parish
- f. We are encourage to use the parish collaboration email for thoughts, concerns, and questions as they come up.

VII. Council Updates

- a. Outreach Ministries - Deacon Bill
 - i. Change in staff overseeing meal and food pantry that may cause some disruptions in the near term
 - ii. Would like nursing home ministry to be included in conversation during parish collaboration
- b. Communications - Christy
 - i. Facebook Live during drawing on St. Patrick's Day
 - ii. Main focus is currently on the Collaboration Work Groups
- c. Faith Formation - Stephanie
 - i. Busy time of the year with all the sacraments
 - ii. Collaboration workgroup is meeting - 2 members from each parish
- d. Facilities/Restoration - Brian
 - i. Review four bids on masonry project
 - 1. Goal is to kick off project in May
 - ii. Preliminary discussion on some organ repairs
 - 1. Peddle box needs some immediate attention
 - 2. Longer-term restoration is going to be needed
- e. Creation Care - Brenna
 - i. Blessing of the Kateri garden/grounds/property
 - 1. Connect it with spring planting on the property
 - ii. Is there possible to collaborate with Stella Maris and residents in Mission House?
- f. Parish Business - Scott
 - i. Working with various collaboration work groups
 - ii. Working on search for replacement
 - iii. Working on a grant with Stephanie to benefit Faith Formation

VIII. Closing Prayer - Brenna