

Parish Council Minutes – April 15, 2024

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| 1. Fr. Michael Gurnick | 3. Brenna Davis | 5. Deacon Bill Merriman |
| 2. Brian Jecker | 4. Christy Bartley | 6. Stephanie Pritts |

Meeting Started: 1910 Meeting Ended: 2100 Location: Rectory Meeting Room

- I. Opening Prayer - Christy
- II. The minutes from March 18, 2024 were reviewed and approved
- III. Recent Event Review
 - a. Holy Week & Easter
 - i. Palm Sunday
 1. There was a national shortage of palms this year, but we were able to manage well
 - ii. Tenebre
 1. District-wide event held at St. Wendelin
 2. About 50 people attended
 - iii. Holy Thursday
 1. Night Hike - powerful witness of faith by groups of all ages and sizes
 2. We had about 320 pilgrims stop by throughout the evening
 - iv. Good Friday
 1. Crowd was largest since Covid
 - v. Easter Vigil
 1. A wonderful service with a great crowd from both parishes (about 140 people)
 2. A great witness of collaboration from all of the ministries involved in the Mass
 3. Enthusiasm by those being baptized and received and everyone else celebrating with them
 4. Hospitality afterwards in lower hall of school building
 - vi. Miscellaneous Events
 1. Morning Prayers - 8-12 attendees on Thursday and Saturday
 2. Basket Blessings - fewer than in the past, but weather was rainy and played a role in the lower crowds
 - vii. Divine Mercy Sunday
 1. Katie Stroh and her group did a great job coordinating the weekend, including hospitality after each of the Masses
 2. Deacon Bill Staab hosted the 3pm service
- IV. Pastor's Report
 - a. Interview Process - for staff replacements
 - i. Administrative manager - in response to retirement of Jeanette and Scott
 1. Fulltime, salary position with benefits provided
 2. Working with HR director at the diocese
 3. Ideally this needs to be a person that comes from outside the parishes
 - ii. Campus Operations Coordinator
 1. Overseeing the day-to-day operations at St. Malachi
 2. 25-30 hour/week position
 3. Work with the maintenance staff over there along with the clients served by the ministries at St. Malachi
 - b. Keeping the Faith
 - i. We are paired with Metro Catholic and St. Rocco - meeting with our cohort next week
 - c. Transition to Deanery throughout the Diocese

- i. Dissolution of districts should be announced soon
 - ii. Dean will be announced for each deanery
- V. Parish Collaboration
 - a. Collaboration Steering Committee and Executive Committees - each group meet every other week on opposite weeks
 - b. Upcoming Events
 - i. May 11th - status update meeting with all the workgroups
 - ii. June 8-9 - parishioner listening sessions around the Mass times
 - iii. June 29th - all day workshop with final presentations from the work groups
 - c. Parish Council Work Group
 - i. Currently meeting on Thursday's alternating between St. Malachi's and St. Patrick
 - ii. Representation from both parishes
 - 1. St. Patrick - Sherry Waskowski and Brian Jecker
 - 2. St. Malachi - Lou Keim and Judy Slivka
 - 3. Steering Committee Liaison - Jan Durkalski
 - 4. Staff Liaison - Charlene McElwee and Father Gurnick
 - iii. Researching other entities for best practices. Trying to gather parish council guidelines and any information related to transition period if it was recent
- VI. Council Updates
 - a. Outreach Ministries - Deacon Bill
 - i. Hot meal program and food pantry are currently on hold due to staffing issues
 - b. Communications - Christy
 - i. Working with communications work group
 - ii. Meeting with parish networking group to discover ways to communicate with parishioners
 - c. Faith Formation - Stephanie
 - i. Faith Formation workgroup is researching and coming up with ideas for collaboration between both St. Patrick and St. Malachi
 - ii. PSR has their last in-person session coming up; Family Mass is scheduled for first weekend in May
 - iii. Second Annual retreat day at Metro Catholic coming up in May
 - d. Facilities/Restoration - Brian
 - i. No updates from St. Patrick's Day yet. Next meeting is in May
 - ii. Facilities meeting was cancelled last month
 - iii. Masonry project is still moving forward. Bids have been reviewed and picking a contractor soon. Then contract review and final approval from the Diocese will occur.
 - e. Creation Care - Brenna
 - i. Fellowship this weekend in celebration of Earth Day
 - ii. refreshments, seed packets, prayer, raffle, prizes
 - iii. Meeting will be held to plan additions to the Kateri garden
- VII. Closing Prayer - Fr. Gurnick