

## St. Malachy Parish Council Minutes Nov. 14, 2016

Meeting opened at 7 p.m. by Sue Ford. Jacob led the opening prayer. The October minutes were approved as presented.

Current Items of interest: Fr. Pakula

He will be back to the rectory this week. He had an infection, feels good but not walking too well yet.

The GMA Thanksgiving Prayer Service is at 4:30 p.m. this Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, at St. Malachy's. Our own Thanksgiving food collection will start this week with the school mass and go to next weekend.

ADA goal is \$79,000 and we have over \$75,000 in pledges. We do have some in reserve if needed.

### Updates

- ◆ Finance Council – Nicole – they meet this week.
- ◆ Social Media – Brian – will reach out again to Leigh
- ◆ Liturgy Help – Volunteers found but will still need help the day of decorating on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. (School Christmas program is the 21<sup>st</sup>.)
- ◆ Giving Tree – Social Justice is pleased with our commitment to help on Dec. 18 after the 10:30 Mass
- ◆ House in Haiti – Confirmation Project?? Do we want to pursue this further? How? Movie Night? Second Collection?

There will be a second collection in Dec. for seminary education so probably not that way. See what Leigh has to say. After discussion decided to leave it for now, Advent is almost here.

- ◆ Question? Is the PC doing anything for Winterfest as a group? Since this is a Parish function and all are expected to help in some way, decided not to do as a group, just each member participate.

Also note: There is a lot of visibility at Winterfest and if we have something to say as a PC, or advertise something, this might be a great opportunity. Put on January agenda.

**Annual Report:** Group looked at Chuck Snyder's proposed draft of an annual report. How will we use it? As a communication from the PC summarizing what is going on. The final report will be in the bulletin, on the website, and presented to the Standing Committees for sure. Everyone should submit their SC report to Chuck, kind of summarizing the year. Use this as an outline and get input from liaisons. Will look at again. Time frame = July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Do at January Meeting.

## **Standing Committees:**

Group looked at agenda outline created by Brian earlier this year. It was pretty much the one used by all the Standing Committees. When will next meetings take place? Communication beyond the semi annual meetings? When have something useful to say and the Annual Report.

**Mission Statement** – St. Malachy exists to praise God and to teach and serve all His people by living the truth revealed in Jesus Christ and preserved in the Teaching and Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.

Much discussion: Likes it as is. Condense it down. How about the words of the deacon at the end of Mass: To proclaim the joy of the Gospel by the living of our lives. Doesn't energize, too bland. Samples were presented by PC members and discussed. What should we be doing, a call to action, an action statement. How are we connected to it? Love God and love your neighbor, who is our neighbor? If dynamic, has to be a way to connect to our mission...How to I...? Continue the conversation. See what the SC's have to say. Continue stating the present one at Mass until Advent, and continue to post in the Bulletin. Again, ask SC's if meaningful. Continue discussion at PC, send any ideas to Chuck Snyder.

## **Spiritual Vibrancy at St. Malachy Parish**

- ◆ Bring ideas.
- ◆ Needs to start with each of us – I need to recognize that I need Christ.
- ◆ Shows in reverence in dress, attitude, revere education and the rituals of our faith
- ◆ think of people who are and have been a witness to us
- ◆ make a conscious commitment, it begins with us.
- ◆ Why we do what we do
- ◆ bring in speakers
- ◆ we are a community, working together
- ◆ continue the conversation
- ◆ ask SC, take to the parish

Items from Council – None

Next Meeting Date – January 23, 2017

Liturgist for next meeting – Ryan Wilson

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m Closing prayer by Jacob.

Minutes submitted by Audrey Honzel, Recording Secretary