

St. Malachy Parish Council Minutes – September 19, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Sue Ford.

Chuck LoGiudice led the opening prayer.

August minutes were approved with one exception. (See copy attached re: IT report.)

Father's Notes:

- ✓ Thank you to Garden of Eden Sale – made \$5000 +
- ✓ Happenings:
 - ✓ 9/16 – Women's Choice Mobile Unit – didn't happen – still coming
 - ✓ 9/24 – Food Pantry Breakfast – goal – 1 million
 - ✓ 9/25 – Mental Health Awareness Panel
 - ✓ 10/2 – Anointing Mass
 - ✓ 10/4 – RCIA starts
 - ✓ 10/9 - 150th Celebration – Mass/Meal/Program
- ✓ Updates:
 - ✓ St. Malachy Statue – Lights/ Sheila Wigant McGee will see if maybe we can lighten it a little – darker than we imagined.
 - ✓ ADA – Goal \$79,292; Pledges \$74,538; Contributions \$54,897.
 - ✓ Food Pantry Building Pledge - \$30,000.
- ✓ News Items:
 - ✓ Wirth Inc. - Have spent \$8000 for plumbing this last months- updating & repair
 - ✓ Cross Catholic Advent Program – Social Justice looking at this and asked PC to look also. The program looks to collect monies to build houses in Haiti. We already do the Christmas Giving tree, so just looking at this for now.

Updates:

Mission Statement: Reading this before Mass, any other suggestions. Move it around in the bulletin. Have committees read it at their meetings.

Social Media: Brian was absent, has not met with Leigh yet.

Council Minutes & Agendas: A copy of each is kept archived in the church office and Chuck Synder, Secretary, also has copies.

Discernment of Liaisons: Standing committees are Youth Faith Formation, Adult Faith Formation, Prayerful Service Groups & Admin & Planning (IT/Cluster Parishes). There were only 4 standing committee members present so decided to wait for the next meeting.

Standing Committees:

Council's Primary Task – **awareness** of all the different activities going on at St. Malachy's and whether they foster our parish mission statement. IT report last month is good example of the parish council working well.

Liaisons are the middle men between the parish and the council; give parishioners a chance to be heard.

Is there value to get minutes of the Standing Committees to all Council members?

Conduit for groups to voice concerns to others – how PC can help.

More involvement of parishioners. Joe's group (maintenance) and the Knights have kind of joined to help out.

Meetings – 2 or 3 a year.

A common theme from here (PC) out to others.

Look at 12 functions of PC in by-laws of Standing committees in constitution.

Communication Methods:

Could do annual report from PC & Committees to go back to Standing Committees so can see results and progress. Each SC would have a section of the report, just a review. Here's what's been done – here are our open issues. Report January or February before next SC meeting (February or March).

Top five main points: goals/ met/ not met/ progress.

Do in October as transition document for new liaisons.

Items from Council: Chuck L. said was it proper to do an exit interview for secretary leaving? He did one/ she left for more money.

Fr. reported that the staff is doing an evaluation of the value of Sharing. Is it worth doing? Not doing in October. Currently do 350 copies and most get picked up. Do 500 bulletins.

Next Meeting – October 24

Liturgist for next meeting: Jon McAvoy

Closing prayer – Chuck L.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.