

## St. Malachy Parish Council Minutes – June 20, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. By Sue Ford. Cynthia Wells led the opening prayer.

Deacon Robert O'Rourke gave the **Building & Grounds Committee** presentation. The committee was reformed in the past 2 years and looks at church, school and acreage, at their upkeep, safety, heating, cooling, etc. Earlier this year they did a check of the outside of the buildings for possible projects to be done now, soon, in the future. Mud jacking around the buildings needed to be done and is now done. Concrete work is to be done soon. Joe Wyffels is heading up the outside work. Inside they are looking at the church lights and replacing with LED's, and getting some new fixtures. They are working on scheduling things to be done on a regular basis, every 3 years, 10 years, etc. the committee is working on this. INTEC looked at our energy use and we scored 90 out of 100, which is very good. Help is always needed with projects and they hope to publish a list of needs. Our current goal is to be ready for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration.

May minutes were accepted with one correction. Under Adult Formation the long term plan is 2 – 5 years, not 9.

### **Father's Notes:**

- ✓ On Wednesday, 7 visitors from our sister parish will be here, teens & adults until Sunday.
- ✓ Women's Choice Center from Bettendorf has a mobile unit with ultrasounds, etc. and will be in our parking lot every third Friday from 10 until 2:30.
- ✓ RCIA – no leader at this time. Deacon Larry Honzel will do it, but looking for someone to shadow him.
- ✓ Faith Formation – Looked at hiring 2 full time people but decided not ready at this time. Mardian works 30 hours.
- ✓ Parish Directory – Don Beck is pleased with 400 people but would like 600. looking at possibly more days for pictures.
- ✓ Wellness Committee - Looking at losing 150 pounds in August as a group.
- ✓ There will be a pre-Garden of Eden book sale the weekend before the regular sale in the Narthex – Aug. 20 – 21.
- ✓ ADA goal was increased to \$79,292. We have already received \$62,000 in pledges.
- ✓ 2016-17 budget is on paper and basically balanced. We show \$39,000 expenses over income which doesn't show transfer from the Paraclete fund; also some from Capital Improvements Fund. Goal per week is \$12,800; average is \$12,200. A few families have moved so our tuition goal will be close. Also health insurance is up to \$11,340 a person per year and we have 13 on that insurance.

**Garden of Eden Sale** - Pick up dates are Thurs, Aug 25 and Fri, Aug 26, and we will help pick up. Jon volunteered to be the contact person, so all who can help with pick

ups and vans, let Jon know and he will contact you. Sorting will happen Thurs, the 25<sup>th</sup> after school and Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Praise Band Jam 2017** – Good Idea? Is our turn to lead. July 31 this year. Basically we will give it our blessing. Sue will contact John Puentes and tell him we give them our blessing and see what they want/need from us, if anything.

**Parish Mission Statement** - Where would we like to see it mentioned?/used? Suggest it be read by the commentator at the beginning of mass. See Connie about that. On agenda again for other ideas.

**Standing Committees** - Much discussion. What to do with the information gathered? Written reports are a good idea; easier to look at later. Liaisons may be changing, good idea to have a written report to see what has been done and that way anyone can access the info. On that note is there a place where all reports/minutes, etc are available? How can it be made available? Will contact Chuck Synder and/or Connie. Will start with the written reports and keep in a binder. Should we have a full group meeting? Decided to let it go for now, the Parish Council itself is still looking at their mission and we are not ready to provide the structure needed for a meeting of this sort. Still looking at strategic planning, at plans and/or gaps. Also questions about ongoing communication. How can it be better? All groups need more people!! How do it? Personal invitation? How? What is our vision? We can't do everything at one time. If get more people involved will that take care of other problems or at least alleviate them? Will come back to this, more discussion necessary, it is not all IT based.

**Selection Committee** - Brian & Jacob. To quote the bulletin: “After prayer and careful consideration, the Selection committee has discerned that Nicole Reisner, Jon McAvoy and Chuck LoGiudice shall continue to serve on the Parish Council for another term. This was determined to be in the best interest of the parish, as this first year has included a great amount of learning and working to understand the role of the new council in the parish. Keeping the same council members together for another year will ensure the council continues to move forward. Thank you for your participation and prayer.”

**Social Media** – Facebook – Brian waiting to talk to Leigh. IT – Chuck & Nicole will connect with Dave Wolak who works with the equipment for the parish. The School went to Apples and works with an outside source. Do we need an IT assessment? If so, who?, cost? Bishop Jenky has a Facebook page – Jacob follows him.

Items from the Council: none

Next meeting – August 1 - will discern officers and liaison positions.

Liturgist for August – Sue Ford

Closing prayer – Cynthia

Meeting adjourned at 8:58.

Minutes submitted by Audrey Honzel, recorder.