

## St. Malachy Parish Council Minutes – October 24, 2016

Meeting called to order by Sue Ford at 7 p.m.

Jon McAvoy led the opening prayer.

September minutes were approved with one attachment.

Father Mike was absent but did send word that he was concerned that church attendance has been down.

### **Updates:**

**Social Media:** Brian reported that Leigh had sent out an e-mail to 5 interested people; so a meeting will be set up and Brian will report.

He also reported that someone from Sacred Heart in Annawan had contacted him about their movie night about Mother Theresa. It is a fund raiser for bathrooms in their hall. Brian asked who to contact about putting up posters, and was told to contact Connie or Deacon Robert.

**Liturgy Committee:** They are in need of volunteers to head up the Advent/Christmas church decorating team this year. Names were suggested. Sue will pass this on.

**Social Justice Committee:** Has requested the Council members' help to sort and deliver items from the Giving Tree on Dec. 18 after the 10:30 mass. Council will do this again this year.

**Discernment of Liaisons:** There are four standing committees: Youth Faith Formation, Adult Faith Formation, Prayerful Service Groups & Admin & Planning (IT/Cluster Parishes). Members were asked for their preferences. After discernment by each member the assignments are as follows:

Youth Faith Formation – Brian Seals & Connor Lillis

Adult Faith Formation – Jacob Samuelson & Jon McAvoy

Prayerful Service Groups – Ryan Wilson & Matthew Ganson

Admin & Planning – Chuck LoGiudice & Cynthia Wells

**Annual Report:** The plan is to compile Liaison reports from the Standing Committee meetings for the annual report. Need a volunteer to put the report together. Again look at the 5 top concerns, getting volunteers, communication channel lacking, social media could help but not open right now. We need to reach those we can't seem to reach now. Again, ask personally. Want to increase the spiritual vibrancy of the parish, so find people to approach and when we find them we need the organization/plan of using them. What were your needs and have they been met? Have most of the reports, Jacob & Brian will send the highlights of theirs. Chuck Synder will try to do the report and have a rough draft ready for discussion at the November meeting.

**Mission Statement:** St. Malachy Parish 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. Discussion followed on its content and ideas for increasing the spiritual vibrancy of the parish. One suggestion was rewording the Statement with emphasis on spiritual vibrancy and the joy that comes with that. Homework assignment: every one try rewording it on their own. Will discuss again in November.

Other: Look at the agenda for the next Standing Committee meeting/ Brian will send out last years and everyone also to look at that.

Items from Council:

Jon talked about the House for Haiti with Leigh. An Advent program but talked about possibility of doing ongoing. Leigh will get back to Jon. Maybe doable with second collection. Need time to consider all angles.

Nicole reported on the Finance Committee: Heaven Sent is struggling, have used a paid person, now looking for parent volunteer. Cleared \$3000 last year, is it worth it? Should they limit vendors. Have found some glitches in some accounting programs, Amy working with Deb Hancock on this. Food Pantry has \$200,000 in pledges/donation and \$100,000 in kind donations. They serve 100 families a month and looking to do meals in the future.

Matthew had some suggestions for improving the confirmation retreats and it was suggested that he talk to Leigh.

Next meeting Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.

Liturgist for next meeting: Jacob

Closing prayer: Jon

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.