

## St. Malachy Parish Council Minutes – Feb. 15, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by Sue Ford. Ryan Wilson led us in the Prayer of St. Francis to open the meeting.

January Minutes – there were a few corrections. Robert O'Rourke has been hired as the Administrative Assistant. Under pictorial directory it should be ads, not adds. And reconciliation is on Wednesday evenings so we moved the Lenten evening Mass to Tuesday.

Father's current items of interest.

- ◆ The last weekend of Feb. Fr. Dennis Martin will speak to the parish about the Unbound program. This program invites people to sponsor others who need help. It is a good program for Lent and is a work of mercy.
- ◆ Fr. Steve Pawelk will be here the weekend of April 16-17.
- ◆ The Garden of Eden sale will be Aug. 27-28.
- ◆ Oct. 9 will be the main celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We have asked Bishop Jenky to come.
- ◆ Don Beck has accepted the chairmanship for the Directory Committee. They will meet this week, plan to do it later this year.
- ◆ There is an insert in the bulletin about protecting the earth, it is a 7 week series.

### Standing Committee Discussion

There was much discussion. Reviewed the January minutes, looked at possible questions, looked at goals, at an action plan to pull together the groups to interact with each other. Looked at strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats. Joyce brought up the original plan from the Diocese for schools. What doing right and what could we be doing better? Goals? Objectives? Can lay out the action steps, dates and done by and by whom? Get the groups thinking about the future. Create interaction between groups and standing groups. Brian asked if there would be any benefit at this time to bring the entire group together?

Asked the liaisons what questions to use”: what would work for you? Can do this by themselves or do with liaison? **Big key is to communicate with others.** Identify problems, gut question about each problem. Look at reports from last meetings and get questions from that. What would goals be, what action steps? Brian will send all a sample agenda for that next meeting.

Ask what are 3 wishes, set up plan and facilitate the plan. Use baby steps, goals should be short term and long term. Not formal but informal is best right now.

So, connect with your groups. Put the question in their minds before the next meeting, long term and short term goals. Revise the agenda and send out ahead and meet in April.

The Standing Committees will bring their agenda to the March meeting so all can see what they are doing.

#### Cluster Group Update

Chuck and Nicole report that they had no response from Atkinson yet. Some names were given them from the original cluster meeting to contact.

Selection Committee: Kevin Lillis, Angie Maertens, Brian Seals, Jacob Samuelson will meet in March.

Garden of Eden Sale – August 27-28, 2016. Initiated by the Social Justice Committee, Volunteers will be needed for publicity, picking up items, working the day of the sale on the auction and food sales. This could be a possible Council project.

Next Parish Group Visit – the Stewardship Committee in March.

Items from Council – Brian asked about a parish e-mail list, social media, face book? Going out to the parish rather than them coming to look at the web site. It was suggested he talk to Leigh because the staff is looking at and working on that.

Next meeting – March 28, 2016 at 7 p.m. In the Conference Room.

Liturgist for March – Nicole

Closing Prayer - Ryan