

Parish Council Minutes

August 17, 2015

1. Opened with a Prayer
2. Previous meeting minutes approved
3. Reviewed and agreed to Meeting Agenda
4. Father reviewed items of current interest
 - a. Nancy Fiers plans to retire as organist
 - b. Leigh Boorn will be in charge of 8th grade Confirmation and Adult Faith Formation
 - c. Mardian Angelo will be in charge of 9th grade Confirmation and CCD
 - d. CLUB Gold will be renamed OASIS
 - e. A Mission Appeal by the Catholic Near East Welfare Association will be conducted September 19-20.
 - f. A statue of St Malachy has been ordered and will be installed where the tabernacle was located
 - g. New gutters will be installed above the curved south wall near the Baptismal font area.
 - h. A St. Malachy School Endowment Fund Appeal is scheduled for late January.
 - i. There will be an invitation to contribute to the Paraclete Fund in September
 - j. The Catholic Schools Appeal is scheduled for late January
 - k. Leo Castelein is resigning September 1 – Reassignment of his duties is under evaluation
 - l. St Malachy's 150th Anniversary is next year. A celebration is tentatively planned for September or October. (It was noted that this is the busy harvest season.) **Please forward names of potential planning committee members to Father.**
5. The decision was made to put the assignment of a Parish Council Liturgist on hold for now
6. It was agreed that we would benefit from having a recording secretary. Temporarily the position should be rotated among Council members until a person can be assigned.
7. Father reviewed the Diocese's Growing in Faith Together Goals. A future agenda topic may be to address St Malachy's contribution to supporting these goals.
8. Chuck presented an approach which would allow the Council to systematically discuss and understand the objectives and activities of the various groups in the Parish and their alignment with the Parish Mission. After discussion it was agreed that each council member should fill out to the best of their ability the matrix passed out in the meeting identifying for each group the Primary and Secondary purposes for each of the 5 areas of the Parish Mission. The Booklet "Stewardship Opportunities" was passed out to help understand the stated objectives of each group. **Each council member should fill out the attached matrix and return it to Chuck's folder in the Parish Council Mailbox by the end of August.**
 - a. It was agreed that the liaisons will be chosen once the Standing Committees are better understood
 - b. It was also mentioned that 2 or 3 members of the Council will probably be chosen to work on the cluster parish committee.
9. Future Agenda Items

- a. A discussion of young adults and Marriage in the Church
 - b. Meet with the Social Justice Committee to discuss:
 - i. Education in Catholic social justice teachings
 - ii. Identify the social justice needs of our Parish and Community.
 - iii. Coordinate Parish Council activities with other Parish Groups such as the Deacons
 - iv. "Drop in the Bucket" Campaign
 - c. Humility of Mary and Food Pantry Giving
- 10.** Need to develop a Parish Council communication plan to keep the Parish informed of Council activities. Initially there may be a request for a request in Prayers for the Faithful for guidance for the Council. A small communication team could investigate the best way to communicate as the Council gets organized.
- 11.** Next Meetings are scheduled for
- a. Sept 21, 2015
 - b. Oct 26, 2015
 - c. Nov 16, 2015