

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

St. Malachy Church Conference Room

March 24; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Members present: Brad Maas, Heidi Vorac, Brice Maertens, Fr. Gifford, Kristin Wilson, Kathy Hanford, Jaxson Sottos, Kevin Lillis, Ginny Pettit

Additional Parishioners present: Katrina Jensen

Meeting Summary: Parish Council convened their March meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025. During the meeting, Katrina Jensen provided an update on the status of the Parish Mission Quads and asked for Council assistance in garnering additional participation in the quads from parishioners. The Council discussed a variety of ideas on how to continue to increase participation in the Parish. The council also formed a selection committee for selecting new Council members in upcoming months. There will be three vacancies on Parish Council that will be filled. Additional notes can be found on the official meeting minutes on the Parish website.

1.0 Call To Order

1.1 Opening Prayer: Fr. Gifford

1.2 Minutes from February meeting reviewed and approved with noted changes

2.0 Faith Formation

2.1 Growing Disciples reflection

Parish Re-evangelization Assignments

Liturgy things, Pastoral Care - Brian Sebastian and Erik Brown

Finance - Vice Chair (currently vacant)

Building and Grounds - Kathy Hanford

3.0 Reports

3.1 Officer Reports

3.1.1 Chairperson Report - no updates

3.1.2 Vice-Chair report - no updates

3.1.3 Secretary - no secretary update. **Action for secretary to develop list of past council members.**

3.2 Committee reports -

Adult faith formation Katrina Jensen

Report on Quads:

-Currently have 14 quads that are meeting, 12 female groups and 2 male groups, experiencing challenges getting additional participation beyond current participants. Considering targeting OCIA/Dcn. Mike Sigwalt. Have approached KoC with only limited success.

Kevin Lillis provided additional thoughts, proposing that current quad members could help garner additional participation and provide "voice of participant" type recruitment. Additional

thoughts was to have more regular group engagements so that parishioners can witness experiences of others.

School Report - Kristin Wilson

4th quarter of school already! Car Party raised almost \$100k

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Appointment of new member selection committee -

Current Membership is

Heidi Vorac

Steve Emmerson

Brice Maertens (volunteered)

Jeremy Bries

Council members required to nominate at least one individual to be considered for council membership and will submit those nominations prior to the April Parish Council meeting. Jeremy Bries, Kristin Wilson volunteered for the 6 April masses.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Welcome Ginny Pettit as Becky Werner's midterm replacement.

5.2 Future business to consider

- Checklist from diocese for parish council members to start working on
- Stained glass window committee outputs - update?

6.0 Parishioner Comment

6.1 Open floor - None

7.0 Announcements

7.1 Staffing Additions/changes - None

7.2 Pastor remarks

- Still looking for mowing coordinator.
- Open invitation (2 slots) to anyone on council to volunteer for Chrism Mass (Tuesday April 15 of Holy Week). Bishop Lou has asked Pastors to have parishioners attend Chrism Mass and bring home the oils. Hanfords volunteered.
- Main focus of Fr. Gifford is preparing for Holy Week.

7.3 Open floor

- Ginny Pettit remarked about a parishioner concern about the hand sanitizer being used prior to communion distribution. Fr. Gifford to consider alternatives.

Motioned to adjourn the meeting approved.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Gifford

Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 28, 2025, 7:00pm