

St. Malachy Parish Council Minutes January 23, 2017

Meeting opened at 7 p.m. by Sue Ford. Ryan led the opening prayer. The November minutes were approved as presented.

Current Items of interest: Fr. Pakula

- Advent giving tree – great response
- Winterfest – Feb. 11-12; call list: total of 750 families, no email addresses for 219 of them
- Sharing – do now 10 times a year; staff has been discussing its value; decided to do every two months
- GMA Men's Lenten Breakfast – First one at SM – March 4
- Lenten Wed. Mass at 6:30 p.m. except Ash Wed. (7 p.m.). Confirmation on March 22 at 7 p.m. Exposition and Adoration continue on Wed. at 6 p.m.
- Need a Liturgy Coordinator – one expressing interest
- EM Commissioning/Recommissioning probably April 1-2. About 8 new ones
- Mike Sigwalt Deacon Ordination on May 20
- We have drums and symbols
- Brian & Stephanie Seals, now v-p of Parents Club, will serve as presidents next year
- Welcoming Committee

Nicole gave the Finance Committee Report

- Had a good Dec. and Jan.
- Our Diocese has mandated that all our Schools begin to use a tuition management program. A representative of the FACTS (Tuition) Management met with the Council to discuss the service FACTS can provide. Mrs. Francque prefers the FACTS Company and after discussion it was decided to contract with them for the 2017-18 school year IF this is agreeable to Mrs. Francque. They collect and manage tuition, but the parish sets up the rates. There is a better return than if we do it. They do not seek the financial records of families, there is a minimum fee for a school, they prefer to have tuition paid by automatic withdrawal or online, but other arrangements can be made.
- ADA – we now have \$79,743 pledged which is \$451 more than our goal.
- The parish received at \$90,000 bequest from the estate of Rita Williams.
- Have reached our \$175,000 goal for our Roof Fund.
- Social Justice is asking the PC to lead and facilitate a Lenten “Build a House in Haiti” project. Aim is to raise \$6,000 during Lent.
- Food Pantry has seen over \$950,000 raised in donations and pledges and possibly \$200,000 in in-kind gifts. Pantry hopes to break ground in April.

Updates:

Social Media – Facebook page/involve standing Committees – Any information for Facebook needs to go to Leigh. And a reminder to all that not everyone is on Facebook so other methods might have to be used to contact parishioners.

House in Haiti – Cross International is the contact on this. Thought about it in Advent, but just didn't get to it. Social Justice wants to do it with PC as overseer. All groups will be asked to do something to make this happen. Aim is \$6,000. Someone has already pledged \$1,000 and the Altar & Rosary is having a breakfast on the first Sunday of Lent and will donate those proceeds. All Liaison Committees are asked to help with this project. It seems more like a parish project if the PC leads. It has the PC stamp of approval. It will be in addition to the regular Rice Bowls that people do.

Annual Report – Chuck Synder

- ◆ The report will include: The commissioning of the PC, a list of the current make-up of the PC. Statements summarizing the Standing Committees, meetings held, accomplishments, needs identified, concerns. Look at it, see if it is right and current and give Chuck feedback. Feels that we really need to identify concerns. But also list highlights. This is a working document, check it out and make suggestions to Chuck, will look at the next meeting.

Spiritual Vibrancy Discussion: items to look at: What is Spiritual Vibrancy? Changing demographics, invitation to awareness, catch/direct attention, be a witness, stewardship, Standing Committees can contribute to the discussion as well as involvement in eventual plans. The notes that follow are just that – notes of what was said.

- Defined spiritual vibrancy as enthusiasm, energy.
- Stewardship – have a need to give, all have a part to play
- who is trying to address this s.v.? Within the parish, will attract others.
- Be a witness – showcase people who are helping, really need prayers, let parish know, personal invitation, done on a small scale. Also think who would be good at this?
- Demographics of parish – all at different stages of life, look different to different ages, brain storm for each demographic, NOT one size fits all.
- Is the purpose to get good Christians, or get someone to participate? What is our goal?
- How make people be a part of them? Want to be? Want to live the Gospel? Our example?
- Are we feeding our faith? Our soul? Will crave it, will build it. Encourage just one person.
- Groups talk at Mass. Give testimony

- Liaisons reach out to Standing Committees about this, get their input.
- A lot is vibrant right now.

Mission Statement: Chuck reported on the responses from the PC.

- by themselves are a logo, a motto, a vision, has to catch them and go from there
- how to personally tie in
- love God – love neighbors
- more concise, easier to remember
- what is it doing for the parish, do people notice/ would a new one be better, is it driving anybody, encouraging anybody, does anyone care
- look at next meeting

Other – Tim Wells asked if we can have a candle with the reading of the Gospel? Can it be done, will look at it. Pass it on to the Liturgy Committee – Jacob will do.

Next meeting: Monday March 27

Liturgist – Jacob will open, Sue will close.

Closing prayer – Ryan

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Audrey Honzel, recording secretary

These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting.