

## Saint Malachy Parish Council Minutes – March 28, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. By Sue Ford. Nicole Reisner led us in prayer to open the meeting.

Gregg Swanson, representing the Stewardship Committee, gave us an oversight of what they are about. They began to change the view of stewardship (that is was only about money) to the view that it was and is about time and talent. Treasure is important but that is not the main focus. They did a Stewardship Fair, the Garden of Eden sale, and put information in the Sharing. They are now sponsoring a Called and Gifted Program, the char isms God gives us all, our spiritual side. This means all of us being more aware of our and others talents. The committee did the program first, is offering it to others in a few weeks, and may offer it to the whole parish. It develops char isms as a relationship with Christ; you become aware of your gifts, recognize them, and the use them.

The February minutes were approved as presented.

Father's current items of interest:

- ✦ Fr. Dennis Martin with Unbound was pleased with the results of his weekend talks. 20 people responded. He will come back in 2 – 3 years. He does 25 – 30 presentations a year.
- ✦ ADA leader will be Deacon Robert O'Rourke. They will show the video from the Diocese after Masses and to the various committees as they meet. The assessment in 2015 was \$68950 and this year the assessment is \$79000. We are appealing it because it is such a big jump. Amy tried to express our concerns but she couldn't reach the right person (they were on vacation) and it was too late. There was a new account format and it misquoted a bequest for the school. A letter has been sent to Bishop Jenky. The kick-off for ADA is April 9 & 10.
- ✦ Directory has been started. The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and events will be included.
- ✦ St. Mother Theresa Pastor, Fr. Steve Pawelk, will be here April 16 & 17.
- ✦ Confirmation is April 20. Msgr. Tim Nolan will be the officiant.
- ✦ Car Party is April 23.
- ✦ Garden of Eden sale is in August. Social Justice is chairing.
- ✦ 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> but Bishop Jenky cannot come that day.
- ✦ There is a Praise Gathering at the city park in 2017 and John Puentes will help to host for SM. Part of the hosting is food, etc. Do we want to do this? Consider.

### Standing Committee Discussion

Agenda Draft from Brian was revised a little. Sue said she liked the way Brian presented it: that we wanted to communicate our intentions, creating that bridge of communication. So 1. open with prayer; 2. Not use; 3. Notes or review of last meeting; 4. update as stands. 5. Update from Parish Council – feedback on what we as PC are doing. And that is : 1. getting the standing committee thing off the ground; 2. looking for new members; 3. seeking input from committees. They are to meet in April or May, at least by May 16, the PC meeting.

Updates:

**Cluster Group** – Nicole & Chuck L. - Fr. Engelbrecht from St. Anthony's in Atkinson will discuss with Fr. Mike.

**Selection Committee** – Brian & Jacob - the committee did a worksheet so got it all in one place of what had to be done and by whom. Terms are up for Jon, Nicole, Chuck L. Will do a bulletin insert. They had a sample of the talk they would give after all masses on April 2 & 3. A few changes were made and it is a go. New Council members will start in July. The transition meeting is July 20, with both old and new members present.

**Social Media** – Brian. Reached out to Leigh about Facebook to see what the parish is doing. April 15, Brian & his wife, Stephanie, will talk to the staff. They have looked at other churches. Nicole also contacted a professor at Augustana who teaches social media and the suggestions he made all seem to be in sync with what Brian is talking about.

Items from Council – None

Next Parish Group Council Visit – Liturgy

Potential meeting dates: April 18 and May 16. (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday).

Liturgist for April – Jon McAvoy

Closing Prayer – Nicole

ADA video

Minutes submitted by Audrey Honzel, Recording Secretary