

Parish Council Meeting
May 20, 2024 7pm
Parish Conference Room

Members present: Fr. Gifford, Becky Werner, Theresa Walck, Brad Maas, Julie Atwell, Kevin Lillis, Deacon Robert, Brice Maertens, Kathy Hanford, Kristin Wilson, Brian Sebastian, Erik Brown, Jeremy Bries, Jenna Freadhoff, Christina Pustejovsky

Visiting parishioner: Judy Kanke

Opening Prayer: Jeremy Bries

Approval of Minutes - Minutes were motioned to approve and approved by Council with noted changes.

Into His Likeness

Items of Interest Fr. Gifford

- Growing Disciples
 - Decisions announced this past weekend for this parish - no change to parish structure but a good reminder of renewing our focus on growing disciples. It was also announced that Fr. Gifford will remain as the Pastor for St. Malachy
 - Implementation phase begins 1 July 2024, check the diocese website for most up-to-date information regarding parish consolidations
- Parish Mission and Quads
 - Still missing two leadership position fills, but have leads/prospects for all other leadership positions. Tentative kickoff date with leadership team 3 June 2024.
 - Quad coordinator - Katrina Jensen. Specifics of role is still being formed but if there's interest in starting a quad, Katrina is the correct point of contact.
- Principal search - successful conclusion. Ms. Devon Schaaf has accepted the position and is transitioning into the role.
- Rectory Open House still scheduled for 9 June 2024, final costs projected to be right around \$50k.
- Still waiting on confirmation on when SMA priest will be here as well as who it will be. Currently planning on him being here the month of July.
- Stained Glass Window Surveys - first subcommittee meeting scheduled for 30 May 2024 to review surveys.
- Preparing for end of the school year and Totus Tuus!
- Building and Grounds Update (Deacon Robert)
 - Parish grounds work day back in early May, approximately 15 people attended and we were able to clean up quite a bit around the church.
 - School window project - narrowed down to Pella at roughly \$130k. Scheduled to be installed the week of 15 July 2024.

- Stained glass window project still in development, designer is still working on laying out the image. Deacon Robert and other stained glass window committee members (and potentially Parish Council members) likely to visit the designer in the next 60 days to see the progress.
- Currently getting an estimate on repairing exterior structures around all windows that are scheduled to be replaced.

Items from Council

Judy Kanke:

Judy Kanke was present at the meeting and asked the Council and Father to discuss the planned actions based on the results of the stain glass window survey. It was discussed that a sub-committee made up of a portion of the Parish Council would review the submitted surveys, support Father in meeting with survey providers when desired as a follow up discussion, and then present Father with further council on suggested actions. This sub-committee work is to take place in June.

Judy also provided some recommendations on how to improve communications throughout the parish and how to help keep parishioners more informed. These suggestions were taken and pending results of the June sub-committee work and will be rolled up in the recommended actions.

Committee Reports- Council

- Kristin Wilson - reached out to Deacon Bob. Have not yet reached out to get volunteers to help with Totus Tuus parish potluck. No other assistance requested from Parish Council.

Council Membership Theresa Walck

- Brian and Theresa meeting with two potential candidates in the next week to fill behind Theresa.

Financial Report Becky Werner

- Grant given to the school for new musical curriculum, filing for another grant that has not yet been submitted.
- Transition of new principal
- Tuition increased 5%
- Parents club looking into ways to raise funds to update the bathrooms
- Continuing to work on the 2025 budget, which takes effect 1 July 2024
- ADA numbers increasing, letters sent out to parishioners. Still need about \$15k to meet goal. Good news - more families have donated this year than last year. March cash flow was positive.
- Employment opportunities still exist within the parish
- Next meeting 20 June 2024 for budget approval, year-end approval 25 July 2024.

School Report Theresa Walck

- All-school project next week, planning to visit Geneseo museum, fire department, police department, Oakwood Cemetery.
- Sixth Grade Recognition Mass on Wednesday, dodgeball tournament is Thursday, school field-day is Friday.
- Tuesday after Memorial Day is when the school students are forming a human-sized living rosary at 2:10pm.

Other notes: Parish Council By-Laws and Constitution will reconvene review upon the completion of the Growing Disciples program (next council)

Future Meeting Date: June 24, 2024 7pm. Planned no July Parish Council Meeting.

Prayer Leader for next meeting: Kathy Hanford

Closing Prayer: Jeremy Bries