

Parish Council Meeting Minutes
St. Malachy Church Conference Room
November 25, 2024; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Members present: Jeremy Bries, Brad Maas, Fr. Gifford, Brice Maertens, Kathy Hanford, Brian Sebastian, Erik Brown, Jaxson Sottos, Heidi Vorac

Additional Parishioners present: None

Meeting Summary: Parish Council convened their monthly meeting on Monday, 25 November 2024. Participation during the meeting was light due to the holidays, however, a quorum was present. Brice Maertens and Heidi Vorac provided updates on adult faith formation. The council also discussed a plan on communicating the report of the Subcommittee on Stained Glass Windows, deciding on a February meeting with the other council leaders. Additionally, council voted on the annual Parish Christmas book!

1.0 Call To Order

1.1 Opening Prayer: Jeremy Bries

1.2 Minutes from October meeting reviewed and approved with noted changes

2.0 Faith Formation

2.1 Into His Likeness, with following discussion. A new discipleship message will be introduced after the new year.

3.0 Reports

3.1 Officer Reports

3.1.1 Chairperson Report - no updates

3.1.2 Vice-Chair report - finance committee notes were added to the notes folder

3.1.3 Secretary - no secretary updates

3.2 Committee reports

3.2.1 Adult faith formation - Brice Maertens and Heidi Vorac provided a summary of the notes from Adult Faith Formation on two primary topics, Adult Bible Study and Women at the Well. Fr. Gifford noted that there will be no Spring Adult Bible Study session, replaced for one "semester" by Mission Quad studies. Additional notes included in the notes folder for this meeting and were available for review by council members.

OCIA Update - six candidates this year!

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Parish Council Subcommittee on Stained Glass Window Project - decision to hold dissemination of the report until a meeting occurs with the councils/committee heads in Spring 2025 where Fr. Gifford will discuss the findings documented in the report. Action: Parish Council

Chairperson will establish the date for the subject meeting and disseminate the finalized report to the necessary stakeholders.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Midterm council member replacement - Becky Werner will be stepping down after the new year. Chairperson and Fr. Gifford will review potential candidates and will seek to fill the council vacancy. Selections will be made in January 2025.

5.2 Parish mission follow-up discussion

-Discussion about cost and what the cost drivers of the mission were, and are there any ways to do this Mission again in a slightly different fashion in a way that reduces cost

5.3 Establishment of a Parish Christmas Book

6.0 Parishioner Comment

6.1 Open floor - no additional parishioners were present

7.0 Announcements

7.1 Staffing Additions/changes

-Dcn. Robert O'Rourke in final week before retirement! In other news - Jeanie Hartsock will be new Facilities Manager, replacing Robert. Welcome Jeanie!

-Staff is working upgrades to the Parish website, anticipate changes being effective spring/summer 2025.

-Flooring subcommittee has completed their work!

7.2 Pastor remarks - no other announcements

7.3 Open floor

Motioned to adjourn the meeting approved.

Closing Prayer: Jeremy Bries

Next Council Meeting: Monday, January 27, 2025, 7:00pm