

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
St. Malachy Church Conference Room  
January 27; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Members present: Brad Maas, Jeremy Bries, Brian Sebastian, Kevin Lillis, Kristina Pustejovsky, Heidi Vorac, Kristin Wilson, Erik Brown, Julie Atwell, Brice Maertens, Fr. Gifford

Additional Parishioners present: Jeanne Hartsock

**Meeting Summary:** Parish Council convened their first meeting of 2025 on Monday, January 27, 2025. Primary discussion included replacement of a council member vacancy and updates from Fr. Gifford on potential events for 2025. Parish Council discussed what topics should be highlighted in future meetings. Additional notes can be found on the website in the published meeting minutes.

### **1.0 Call To Order**

1.1 Opening Prayer: Jeremy Bries

1.2 Minutes from November meeting reviewed and approved with noted changes

### **2.0 Faith Formation**

2.1 Consecration Rosary Reflection, followed by structured prayer.

### **3.0 Reports**

3.1 Officer Reports

3.1.1 Chairperson Report - no updates

3.1.2 Vice-Chair report - no report

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

3.2 Committee reports

3.2.1 Kristin Wilson provided a short update from Principal Schaaf on the school:

- Pizza with Police luncheon held week of 27 January

-Included notes about school buzzer doorbell and camera with locking system.

-Money from last year's Car Party has been set aside for renovation of the school bathrooms. Members of Parent's Club are putting together a committee and are looking for at least one parish member to join the committee.

-Working updates to the school website

### **4.0 Old Business**

4.1 Mid-term councilmember replacement - discussion had by council to determine whether defer councilmember replacement plan to the next council vacancy cycle (summer 2025). Father and Council Chair to finalize prior to February meeting.

## **5.0 New Business**

5.1 Concert for 2025 - John Paul Von Arx considered as potential concert in spring 2025. Fr. Gifford got information from John Paul on pricing, quote came back ~\$2000 for acoustic setup, roughly \$6500 for full band. Council discussion noted Fr. Gifford's concern with budget and ability to afford. Fr. Gifford requested guidance from council members. Consider finding donors? Decide to forego the idea? Discussion across council included concerns and benefits associated with the idea of a concert. No decision made. Fr. Gifford to consult with Fr. Peter on potential other options and information that may support a decision.

5.2 Future business to consider

5.2.1 Building technology evaluation follow-up; recommended by Kevin Lillis

5.2.2 Follow-up/dialogue regarding the completion of the Parish Mission, consider inviting Katrina Jensen to speak on Quads and their current status at the March Council meeting; recommended by Julie Atwell

5.2.3 Stubenville youth conference fundraising considerations; recommended by Kristin Wilson

## **6.0 Parishioner Comment**

6.1 Open floor

## **7.0 Announcements**

7.1 Staffing Additions/changes

7.2 Pastor remarks

-In February, focus shifts to retreats in February supporting events in March (Lent and Gospel of Luke challenge)

-In March there will also be another appeal at the end of spring break with a visiting priest

-February 16, Welcome Committee will welcome new parishioners

7.3 Open floor

Motioned to adjourn the meeting approved.

Closing Prayer: Jeremy Bries

Next Council Meeting: Monday, February 24, 2025, 7:00pm