

St Malachi Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes from the 2/2/21 meeting via Zoom

In Attendance: Patrick Cleary-Burns; Judy Slivka; Judy Stowe; Cathy Graham; Jeanette Shemo; Heather Gernheim; Melissa Smith-Morales; John Paul Stephens; Linda Wilson; Father Gurnick; Jim Bishop; Claudia Cabreara; Steph Riccobene

Absent: Stephanie Pritts; Charlene McElwee; Deacon Leo Bistak

Guests: Carrie Sekerak; Kevin Burke

- I. **Opening Prayer:** John Paul Stephens
- II. **Education/Planning Ahead for Communications:** Carrie and Kevin facilitated a lively discussion about how we can work together to improve parish communications—suggestions followed:
 1. Update the website
 2. Realize the increasing need for a parish Zoom account
 3. Explore benefits of a weekly email for parish news, perhaps using ParishSOFT which we already have
 4. Consider hiring a parttime “communications coordinator” like at St. Pat’s
 5. Develop a list of current needs (Carrie & Kevin)
 6. Contact the Catholic Young Adult Organization for skilled volunteers (Patrick)
- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes from 1/5/21 were approved
- IV. **Discussion:**
 - A. *Ministry Liaisons:*
Council members were matched with the ministries: *Finance:* Jim Bishop; *Sunday AM at St Malachi:* Steph Riccobene; *Spiritual Development:* Heather Gerheim; *MNM & Back Door:* Patrick Cleary-Burns; *Social Action:* John Paul Stephens; *Communication:* Claudia Cabrera; *Hospitality:* Linda Wilson; *Evangelization & Fruitful Disciples:* Judy Slivka; *Mother Teresa/Samaritan:* Judy Stowe; *Life-Long Faith Formation:* Melissa Smith-Morales; *Liturgy:* Patrick Cleary-Burns; *Malachi Center:* Cathy Graham; *West Side Creation Care Team:* Judy Slivka; *Building & Grounds, Malachi House & Stewardship:* Executive Committee
 - B. *Nominations for Parish Council:*
The committee (Cathy Graham & Judy Slivka + a parishioner (TBD)) will recruit candidates for the current openings-- 4 for 3-year terms; 1 for a 1-year term
 - C. *Council Meeting Calendar:*
The meetings will be on the first Tuesday of the month except for April 13 & June 8 with no meetings in July & December except for ad hoc emergencies
 - D. *Annual Parish Meeting:*
Will be on Sunday, April 25 (afternoon) on Zoom (d/t pandemic) & possibly coordinated with live stream of 10 AM mass; planned by Fr. Gurnick; Patrick Cleary-Burns, Judy Slivka & Judy Stowe
- V. **Administrator’s Report: Fr. Gurnick**
 - A. Pursuant to his recent letter to the Council Chairperson, Fr. Gurnick reiterated his intent to have fruitful conversations over the next few months with all the individual ministries to learn about their overall perspective regarding the mission of St. Malachi.
 - B. An invitation was extended to all to attend the “Living as Missionary Disciples” presentations after 5:30 PM mass on four Wednesdays in Lent at St. Patrick’s (Bridge)
 - C. Reminder: Our Lenten charity is the St. Kizito Mission (Uganda) begun by Fr. Don Dunson
 - D. The “Back Door Ministry Evening Supper” has temporarily replaced the Monday Night Meal (MNM), which is currently on hiatus due to the pandemic. Simple, nutritious meals are provided for take-out at the door of the hall on Monday nights
 - E. Campus Realities
 1. *Heat Issues:* the boiler serving the school, hall & church has been replaced; the boiler for the Rectory stopped working (no heat) and hopefully can be repaired
 2. *North church steps:* the canopy is helping; further repairs are still being processed
 3. *Plumbing:* plans (most are extremely expensive) are pending for solution to clogged pipes for front church toilet; thankfully, the Convent plumbing is not affected
- VI. **Summary of Meeting:** Stephanie Riccobene
- VII. **Closing Prayer:** Melissa Smith-Morales
- VIII. **Next Meeting:** March 2, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Stowe, Secretary