

**CHURCH OF THE MADALENE  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE OF MEETING: MAY 2, 2010**

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## **ATTENDANCE**

### **ALL MEMBERS:**

**Pat Baldwin**, Member at Large & Council Chair

**Mark Bardsley**, Member at Large

**Lisa Bright**, Member at Large

**Beverly Bryan**, Member at Large

**Michele Clancy**, Member at Large

**Kent Garrett**, Member at Large

**Becky Holder**, Ex-officio - Director of Youth Formation

**Cassy Lynch**, Ex-officio & Women of the Madalene

**Drew Martins**, Member at Large

**Jimmy Nelson**, Ex-officio & Men's Club

**Kurt Van Matre**, Ex-officio & Stewardship representative

**Donna Wuerch**, Member at Large

**Fr. Jack Gleason** and **Deacon Robert DeWeese**

**Becky Grossman**, Parish Staff, &/or **Theresa Witcher**, Recording Secretaries

**Attendance:** Pat Baldwin, Mark Bardsley, Lisa Bright, Beverly Bryan, Michele Clancy, Kent Garrett, Drew Martins, Jimmy Nelson, Donna Wuerch; Fr. Jack Gleason, Dcn. Robert DeWeese; Theresa Witcher

**Absent:** Becky Holder, Cassy Lynch, Kurt Van Matre, Becky Grossman

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Father Jack opened the meeting with prayer.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Pat Baldwin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM, on Sunday morning, May 2, 2010

## **MINUTES**

Minutes from the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved, with Mark Bardsley making the motion, and Jimmy Nelson seconding it. All agreed; the motion passed.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Fr. Jack presented the financials thru March showing year-to-date income figures up \$53,000 over budgeted amount. Expenses are also up, but only about \$260; and when additional unbudgeted income is added in, the net operation total is up \$107,000. The March income is actually down about \$10,000, but

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there were only four Sundays this year, instead of five, and the average weekly income remains up over last year.

Motion was made by Drew Martins and seconded by Beverly Bryan to accept the financials as presented. All agreed; the motion passed.

## **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

### **Women of Madalene**

Cassy Lynch, Women of the Madalene representative, was absent from the meeting, so there was no report from that group.

### **Men's Club**

Jimmy Nelson reported the next two events:

May 11 – Bishop Slattery will speak and there will be a dinner

June 3 – Ball Park trip

### **Stewardship**

Kurt Van Matre was absent, so there was no Stewardship report.

### **Youth Dept**

Becky Holder, Director of Youth Formation, was absent, and there was no report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **(1) EXTERIOR PAINTING – RECTORY and CONVENT**

Dcn. Robert reported that the exterior paint project of the church and office complex, plus the rectory and convent is now complete and looks very good. (Many positive comments have been received.)

### **(2) WINDOWS for RECTORY and CONVENT**

Dcn. Robert reported that the replacement window project for rectory and convent is also complete, and also looks very good.

### **(3) NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE PURCHASE**

Dcn. Robert then reported that the purchase of the house located next to Sister Pierre's convent, on Gary Avenue, has been completed. There is some minor repair work needed and that will be handled in the future.

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**(4) 'GREEN' PROJECT – Paper vs. Styrofoam**

Beverly Bryan reported that company and order information for the approved “green” paper products, as approved at the last meeting, has been given to June, the Office Manager, who will begin ordering the products as the current inventory is depleted.

**(5) UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES and ELECTION**

Pat Baldwin reported for the Nomination Committee (consisting of himself, Lisa Bright and Drew Martins), that they tentatively have five interested parishioners for the upcoming Council elections. His committee will get the bios and information sent to the office for inclusion in upcoming weekly bulletins, and will then be in charge of the vote, after the two weeks of bulletin notifications. They plan to have the newly elected present at the June Council meeting.

**(6) STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Reports were then given on the progress of the Strategic Plan’s “thrusts” (committees) by representatives present:

1. “G-Launch”

This is implementation and/or expansion of Youth programs. Becky Holder was not in attendance, so there was no report given.

2. “Grow Your Faith”

Donna Wuerch talked about the upcoming Wednesday book study group, which is actually sponsored by Stewardship. She is working on a scripture study time line; and will contact St. Mary’s for info on a similar program. The plan is to make this project coincide with the Sunday children’s RE classes, to give parents a chance to participate while waiting for their children in the RE classes.

3. “Lighten the Load”

The group has met and worked out different areas of assistance probably needed and hopefully being found, how to advertise for the workers and for the work. Jimmy Nelson reported that the group is ready to go as soon as the “go ahead” is given.

4. “Build the Vision”

Dcn. Robert and Fr. Jack discussed ongoing negotiations on a neighborhood property (in addition to the house next to Sister Pierre which was just purchased). The current approach is to try to make this purchase thru a “Life Estate,” which would benefit both the seller and the church. They touched on different ideas for property use, including removing the two houses on Gary Street to make room for a large Activity Center, possibly including room enough for a basketball court. With the property being zoned “residential” the building of a large structure could be a problem. Another possibility would be expansion of the parking lot. Normally more objections would be raised against a building than a parking

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lot. Other options mentioned were the rental of the newly acquired house. Or perhaps moving the person from the other property being negotiated to the newly acquired house and using that property for parking right away.

It was pointed out that these are just possibilities and ideas being discussed, with no definite plans being in place at this time.

5. "Enhance Technology"

Drew Martins reported that he is trying to set a meeting with the group from Wichita (used by other area parishes) who work exclusively on Church websites, and who will maintain the sets for a fee, which appears to be very reasonable.

For such a Parish website, there is still information needed, such as:

Identify areas of interest – Marrieds, Singles, Youth, APALS, etc

Info on groups – Women's & Men's Groups, RCIA, Shawl Ministry, etc.

History – Pastors, Deacons, general Parish History – (Historian is needed.)

Other considerations for a website are email news from the parish, digitize the parish bulletins and parish registration, add Church directory info and many other possibilities.

Will probably try to do a preliminary launch during the summer to continue with input and construction, working towards being on pace for October.

6. "Sell the Vision"

Since it had previously been discussed and agreed that it would be too rushed to try to launch all of the thrusts by summer, a more realistic goal would be to use this time for completing the planning for a full launch in the fall, after summer vacations and after the beginning of the school year.

Mark Bardsley: All areas seem to be on target for the goal of launching in October.

Kent Garrett: Appears to be some overlap in the six areas, of people and groups, but this should be acceptable.

Pat Baldwin: In the advertising of the Plan, each "thrust" should plan to go to all parish groups to talk about the projects. He reported that he has already talked to the Men's Club about all the groups.

Kent: There will be bulletin inserts – with brief descriptions of each project.

Donna Wuerch: This is all for "pre-launch" advertising,

Dcn. Robert: The groups should be contacted now, during the summer, for full Parish BLAST in the fall.

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Fr. Jack: We need to use this time to finish the Parish Census, as this will be needed to properly implement the entire Plan. We need to complete the preparations, and be ready to go in the fall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No "New Business" at this time.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next meeting date was set for 11:30 AM, on Sunday, June 13, 2010.

Fr. Jack announced that for that meeting he would host a brunch for the Council, and will include both the outgoing and incoming Board Members. It will be in the St. Francis Room.

**ADJOURMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Donna Wuerch and seconded by Beverly Bryan. All agreed.

Submitted by Theresa Witcher \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved by Parish Council \_\_\_\_\_