
**CHURCH OF THE MADALENE
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: February 19th, 2012
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MEMBERS:

DEACON **Robert DeWeese**, Representative of the Deacons of the Parish
2011-12 **Moira Aingell**, Ex-officio, Women of the Madalene
4/13 **Teresa Black**, Member at Large and Council Chair 2011-12
4/12 **Beverly Bryan**, Member at Large
4/12 **Kent Garrett**, Member at Large
STAFF **Becky Holder**, Ex-officio, Director of Youth Formation
4/13 **Patrick Lynch**, Member at Large
4/13 **Angela McKee**, Member at Large
2011-12 **Jimmy Nelson**, Ex-officio, Men's Club
2011-12 **Theresa Witcher**, Ex-officio, Stewardship
4/12 **Harold Kalich**, Member at Large and Vice-Chair
4/14 **Susan Sullivan- Steiner** Member at Large and Secretary
4/14 **Christine Rury** Member at Large
XXXX **VACANT**, Ex-Officio, Finance Council Representative
PASTOR **Fr. Bryan Brooks**
STAFF **Becky Grossman**, Parish Life

In Attendance: Teresa Black, Christine Rury, Fr. Bryan, Deacon Robert DeWeese, Theresa Witcher, Harold Kalich, Kent Garrett, Patrick Lynch, Beverly Bryan, Moira Aingell, Phil Stephens (guest, technical advisor)

Absent: Susan Sullivan-Steiner, Becky Grossman, Angela McKee, Becky Holder, Jimmy Nelson

CALL TO ORDER: Teresa Black, Chair, presided and called to order in St. Francis Hall.

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Bryan offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES: The November 13th meeting minutes required one correction – Harold Kalich was absent. Teresa Black moved for approval, and Beverly Bryan seconded the motion. All approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Fr Bryan commented. YTD collections are below expenses. Discussion ensued regarding reasons or explanations, specifically wondering about parish membership and attendance. Opinions varied, and there was no conclusive evidence or indications as to why collections were lower than anticipated. Kent Garrett suggested that parishioners should be made more aware of the overall financial performance and condition of the parish. As a start, Fr. Bryan agreed that YTD Actual vs. Budget information could be published in the weekly bulletin. Perhaps that might spur discussion, prayer and giving.

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UPDATE – STRATEGIC PLAN:

“Build our Future” – Deacon Robert near ready to rent out 3rd property.

“Grow your Faith”- Becky Grossman reported 10 Lenten groups have formed involving 107 parishioners.

“G-Launch” – Moira commented on a number of ongoing activities and initiative involving youth of the parish.

“Enhanced Technology”: Phil Stephens recently met with members of the committee. They identified a list of issues relating to the website that Phil will look into to change and/or improve. Phil also reported that the FaceBook site has approximately 196 friends.

New Business:

Teresa Black and Susan Sullivan-Steiner will make an “unannounced” switch in the coffee on some weekend soon and see if anyone notices.

Fr. Bryan reported that 180 youth from across Oklahoma attended the March for Life in Washington DC, including 5 from The Madalene. Beverly Bryan suggested inviting our youth to speak during a Lenten dinner about their experience on the trip.

Discussed upcoming elections for Parish Council. Decided to place notices in bulletin on weekends after Easter, April 14th-15th and 21st-22nd, and have elections 28th-29th. All current Council members are encouraged to solicit candidates.

Parishioner Christy Spadafore appealed to the Council for an exception to policy to allow her to utilize parish facilities and to offer for profit music instruction to youth of the parish. The concern of the Council is that making such an exception would only invite other requests, and then it becomes problematic if the Council is viewed as making unfair or biased decisions on such requests for exceptions. The Council voted to deny the request. It was not the intent of the Council to express any opinion as to the value or character of Ms. Spadafore or her instruction.

Beverly Bryan commented about other parishes utilizing Electronic Funds Transfer as a means for parishioners to make contributions to the church. She volunteered to gather more details to present to the Council at a later date.

Fr. Bryan indicated that the Parish of St. Peter, a traditional Latin Mass community of Tulsa, had contacted him to see if they could utilize Madalene for their regular services on Sundays at 1:00 pm. They currently meet at St. Augustine on E Apache St. Fr. Bryan will discuss details and present findings to the Council on a later date.

Next meeting Date

March 11th, 2012 at 11:30AM

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Harold Kalich and second by Beverly Bryan. All approved.

Submitted by Kent Garrett_____