
**CHURCH OF THE MADALENE
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: March 11, 2012
Minutes consisting of 3 pages**

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, Angela McKee, Susan Sullivan-Steiner, and Becky Grossman

Absent: Moira Aingell, Becky Holder, Jimmy Nelson

CALL TO ORDER:

Teresa Black, Chair, presided and called to order in choir room.

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Bryan offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES: Minutes reviewed and prepared by Kent Garrett. Deacon Robert requested a correction under new events noting that it was Fr. Bryan who was handling St. Peter's request to use our facilities. Theresa Witcher requested a correction of a typo for Beverly Bryan's name spelling. Minutes approved motion made by Harold Kalich and second by Theresa Witcher.

FINANCIAL REPORT: February financials update, our expenses have been less than what we have been taking in but we are spending less. Administrative expenses show that we are not spending what is budgeted we are spending less. Feb we received a 40 thousand dollar donation. This was be on the Feb records. This donation places us back on a positive footing and ahead for the year. We continue to try to spend less than what is budgeted. Rental usage income brought more than budgeted this month as well. The income from the 2 rental properties keeps us in the

positive and we also have our 3rd property for lease now. \$56,400.00 is our operating expenses for Feb. Sunday collection only brought in \$44,700.00 which is down from where we were last February. Also we may be seeing a decline in collections because the priest at the TU Newman center is offering a Sunday morning mass therefore some of our TU students have not been at our regular Sunday mass.

UPDATE – STRATEGIC PLAN

“Build our Future” The 3rd rental house at 2231 had a for lease sign put up last week and there have been a number of inquiries. Sharon Burns is filtering those calls. The lease price is \$900.00 a month.

“Grow your Faith”- Becky has nothing new to report. She states that there are 120 participants in Lenten small faith group.

“G-Launch” – Becky Holder is not present to report as she is teaching CCD.

“Enhanced Technology”- Phil Stephens is continuing to keep our parish website updated and getting more knowledge from our provider. Facebook page is growing and helping people stay connected. Council would like to see the daily prayer on Facebook to continue.

“Lighten the Load”- No one to report on this thrust group today. Beverly Bryan states that the woman we were going to try and help decided she did not want any help at this time.

New Business: Last month we had a request from a new parishioner, Christy Spadafore to use one of the classrooms for her music class. It was the overall consensus of the council at last months meeting that we could not make an exception for this parishioners request. Teresa Black received an email from Christy requesting if she were to obtain an exemption status from the IRS as being non profit and opened the class to Madalene parishioners would she then be able to use a classroom. Teresa requests the council to help with determining the solution. Input from Becky Grossman on the room use policy. This policy is used as a guide with flexible parameters in order to accommodate parishioners and others requests. The parish council has the ultimate decision. It is determined by the council that the Madalene does not have the classroom space available to commit to Christy for her to have a class on a regular basis.

Teresa concludes that we will no longer attempt to make changes to the coffee dilemma. We will be using Folger’s coffee for now.

Reminder that if you are not going to be present at a council meeting please submit a report of any updates that have transpired during the month.

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Teresa Black request that Harold Kalich run again for parish council since he was a replacement for a member who had to dismiss early. These are 3 year commitments and Teresa will be reviewing our bylaws to make sure that members can serve more than a 3 year term or consecutive terms.

Fr. Bryan has a follow up regarding the parish of St. Peter leasing temporarily our church facilities. Fr. does not think that allowing them to have mass at the Madalene on a temporary or regular basis would be a good idea. This may cause interference and friction with our regular parishioners as well as space availability in our parish hall for St. Peter's community mass and meals.

Patrick Lynch states that Deacon Robert took care of providing a popcorn stand for our popcorn maker.

Beverly Bryan updates the council on the suggestion of using EFT for Sunday offerings. It is concluded that this may be something that may not be beneficial to our parishioners at this time. Suggestion of having a quick survey to see how many people would be interested. Fr. Bryan suggests having June look further into this.

Fr. Bryan submitted a ACS Census report that our parish started using in 2008 that breaks down our parishioners by their active membership, age, families with children, gender, single parent, average household size. Fr. suggests that we can look into this so we can think about who we are as a parish and who we want to be as a parish in the long term. We have a uniqueness that we are located in midtown Tulsa and we do not have a Catholic school. What as a parish do we offer to the Catholics of Tulsa and our surrounding community. We are the largest property holder in Florence Park South. What kind of presence do we want and what does the Madalene want to offer and continue to build on for our future.

Next meeting Date

April 15th, 2012 at 11:30AM

April 22nd, 2012 Confirmation

April 28th and 29th parish council election

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Susan Sullivan- Steiner and second by Harold Kalich and Angela McKee.
All approved.

Submitted by Susan Sullivan- Steiner _____
