
CHURCH OF THE MADALENE
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: November 4, 2012
Minutes consisting of 3 Pages

MEMBERS:

7/13 **Kent Garrett**, Parish Council Chair, Men's Club Representative
7/13 **Angela McKee**, Parish Council Vice Chair and *Member at Large*
7/14 **Christine Rury** *Member at Large* and Parish Council Secretary
7/13 **Teresa Black**, *Member at Large*
7/15 **Phil Stephens**, *Member at Large*
7/13 **Patrick Lynch**, *Member at Large*
7/15 **Marty Howerton**, *Member at Large*
7/14 **Susan Sullivan- Steiner** *Member at Large*
7/15 **Dee Jansen**, *Member at Large*
DEACON **Robert DeWeese**, Representative of the Deacons of the Parish
2012-13 **Mary Beth Montag**, Ex-officio, Women of the Madalene
STAFF **Becky Holder**, Ex-officio, Director of Youth Formation
2012-13 **Theresa Witcher**, Ex-officio, Stewardship
PASTOR **Fr. Bryan Brooks**
STAFF **Becky Grossman**, Parish Life

Finance Committee: Fr. Bryan Brooks, Kent Garrett, Harold Kalich, Gina Briggs, Pat Connery

In Attendance: Kent Garrett, Robert DeWeese, Becky Holder, Theresa Witcher, Fr. Bryan Brooks, Becky Grossman, Mary Beth Montag, Angela McKee, Christine Rury, Susan Sullivan-Steiner and Teresa Black

Absent: Phil Stephens, Patrick Lynch, Marty Howerton, Dee Jansen

CALL TO ORDER: Kent Garrett, Chair, presided and called the meeting to order in St. Francis Room.

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Bryan offered the opening prayer and reflection.

MINUTES: Minutes of September meeting: Teresa Black moves to approve minutes; Kent seconds motion.

FR. BRYAN ON OPEN FORUM AT PARISH COUNCIL: Reviewed the Open Forum idea for the Parish Council, wherein parishioners and Council members are invited to attend a Parish Council meeting and take 5-10 minutes to speak on some subject of their concern.

Kent: Do we need to pass the collection basket during Mass on Holy Days of Obligation (since collection envelopes are printed)? Fr. Bryan: My preference is to not take up a collection.

Teresa Black: Why not have a basket by the hosts? Fr. Bryan agreed.

Becky Grossman: Why isn't a choir representative on the Parish Council? Fr. Bryan: I agree that someone from the choir should participate. Fr. Bryan will invite a member of the choir to be on the Council.

Theresa Witcher: When Friday Adoration was changed from 6:00 to 5:00 was there a change in attendance? Fr. Bryan: Attendance has remained about the same.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reported by Fr. Bryan regarding July, August, September: bottom line is that collections have gone up from this time one year ago. Overall we are bringing in more per month than we are spending. At the end of the first quarter we are ahead by \$24,000, but some is due to one-time gifts. Also, we have also not begun paying subsidies to parishioners sending kids to Catholic schools (\$550 per child per year). Last year just under \$21,000 was paid out. Fr. Bryan also provided details on the requirements to receive such subsidies, such as being registered here at Madalene and making a financial contribution to the parish.

In short, during the second quarter we'll not show that far ahead because our expenses will increase somewhat.

The Finance Committee met and agreed the weekly financial report in the bulletin is misleading and makes it appear as if we're falling behind every week. This is because the income reported reflects only the basket collections and not other income sources such as rent paid on homes. Beginning next Sunday we will begin publishing a monthly report in the bulletin instead of weekly. Council agreed is important to let parishioners know these numbers didn't accurately represent our financial situation.

Review of Questions about the Madalene: Fr. Bryan read some of the answers from minutes of last meeting. Susie, Teresa B., and Christine answered the questions since they were not present at the last meeting. Susie: I'm here because my father began coming here in 1988 and I've been here ever since. I like a small church community, that's why we're not at St. Mary's or another big church. I like the changes people have suggested.

Teresa Black: I grew up in Sand Springs, moved to Tulsa, was married here. Madalene was small and community like. To me it's like I get to see my family every week. I don't ever see myself leaving the Madalene. Change? There's so many things I love about the Madalene I'm not sure I'd change anything.

Christine: Been here 12 years, married here. Would like to see a children's Mass once a month and a children's choir.

Fr. Bryan reiterated he wants to implement some of the ideas presented. Reviewed efforts of some age-specific groups such as 30s and 50s to meet periodically. Fr. Bryan also reiterated that the effort we're making to form these groups and implement new ideas needs to be communicated to the parish.

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Fr. Bryan reported that Rachel from TU is helping us with youth activities and that another group is preparing to attend March for Life in January. Also, mentioned we do have a Sunday morning high school and middle school meeting.

Becky Holder: Described an idea working at St. Bernard's where parishioners are divided in groups of eight and they meet for dinner monthly at someone's home. Discussion about how that would work in Madalene. Becky Holder agreed to find out details from someone at St. Bernard's to see if we can make it work here.

Becky Grossman: Regarding the Grow Your Faith Survey: not an overwhelming response to any one issue. Revealed most people thought a six-week commitment was a good number; people wanted more adult faith formation opportunities.

Mary Beth: Reviewed a production she attended at another church celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas time with dinner, etc. Susie: takes commitment and involvement from parishioners. Kent: part of the answer is parishes with schools hold such benefits for their schools. Discussion about the merits of having a Christmas production.

Updates on Thrust Areas:

Becky Holder on Youth Activities: Reported the Fall Festival was successful and made \$150, which is enough to pay the deposit for a March for Life attendee. Seven more kids have signed up for March for Life. Fundraising efforts scheduled include a Parents Night Out on December 1 and a Bake Sale December 8 and 9.

Becky Grossman on Grow Your Faith: Reported we had ordered 250 Year of Faith booklets which were all sold. Just received Advent devotionals which will be available to all parishioners. Advent dinners will be scheduled. Robert Deweese is in communication with Amy Jungers from Bishop Kelly to provide pre-Mass music for some Masses during Advent.

Teresa Black on Technology Efforts: Facebook page looks great, updated www.madalenetulsa.org domain registration for another year.

Next Meeting: January 13 at 1:00 (after First Reconciliation Retreat). December Meeting: agreed to not have a meeting and to have a get-together instead with spouses and families on December 9 at 5:00 at the Rectory.

Adjournment

Submitted by Christine Rury