
CHURCH OF THE MADALENE
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: September 23, 2012
Minutes consisting of 2 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, Phil Stephens, Patrick Lynch, Marty Howerton, Dee Jansen, Robert DeWeese, Becky Holder, Theresa Witcher, Fr. Bryan Brooks, Becky Grossman, Mary Beth Montag, Angela McKee, Dwayne Rury (for Christine Rury)

Absent: Teresa Black, Susan Sullivan-Steiner

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 July meeting: Marty motioned to approve; second by Dee.

FINANCIAL REPORT: July – August financials reviewed by Fr. Bryan. Major spending in August was a replacement of the church soundboard. Comparison vs. July – August of 2011: Collections are up; very good.

Fr. Bryan's Three Questions to the Council Members: "Why are you at the Madalene?" "What would you like to see changed at the Madalene?" "What are you willing to do about it?"

Answers from council members:

Marty – Love Jesus and I love the parish; very friendly, no changes. Willing to do all that I can.

Mary Beth – I like the old and young members; choir needs to perform less.

Becky H. – This is my church (born into the Madalene); (would like to see) more active and vibrant youth group, website and Facebook postings for the parish; pull the youth into the group.

Kent: family used to attend St. Mary's and the size was overwhelming; really like the small parish, wish we had more intimate knowledge of all the members; trying to bring the men together more often, willing to make phone calls and send emails to men's club.

Teresa: moved with job, stayed because it's now family and lives around the corner. Would like to see the youth program grow; consider name tags at Mass.

Becky G.: I work here, but it's more than a job. I love it, it's my vocation, it's my parents' parish, people are here that I don't know. Inclusive parish for the needs of our people (emotional, single parents) and know the members better. Create groups and events that reach our own members; send new communications for rides, ill.

Angela: our children went to MDO, Fr. Jack; the family moved. When you're connected to this community it will make you stay longer, singles in my age group, willing to host this group.

Phil: First church and taken with Fr. Jack, but over time I've been taken with the holiness and tradition of great clergy and members – this is home. (I'd like to see) attendance numbers go back up, can we add instruments? Contemporary mass? Willing in whatever way to promote the church – Facebook, etc.

Patrick: moms' group is strong, very close; take care of each other with their children. (I'd like to see) attendance back up – leave a brochure or business card with directions and Mass times “why should you come to the Madalene,” in the back of the church; add some information to get the message to get their faith back in line, how do we do this?

Dee: we lived on Gary Pl. “church boundaries,” we were asked by St. Mary's parish members to join, children went to elementary, now at Marquette so it's hard to move, but there's a pull to go away, changes: 8 a.m. Mass, miss Bill (out for 3-4 months) and a song leader at this Mass time.

Robert: I love this parish, married here in 1986, it's our church community, not too big - just right size, each Mass has their own identity, you can get to know people. Changes? I would like to see some quiet time to reflect after Communion, it's not a performance by the choir time, changes in our worship times.

Fr. Bryan: Bishop Slattery moved me here, very happy to be here, first assignment is typically at the Madalene. Change? Get more people here, groups for the 50+, 20's-30's Catholics that are looking for a friendly place for the next stage of their life. How? Host more gatherings like this and five-year plans, be a happy smiling presence at Mass, don't lose out to the 10 minute drive, more involvement with youth.

Men's Group: Men of the parish helped Kimberly Myer with cleaning; she was very appreciative. Kent said we need to make parishioners feel okay about asking for help.

Youth Groups: 100 kids enrolled in Sunday school; great volunteers for kids' programs. Pricing for children's collection envelopes \$31.90 for 1000; need to formalize. Children's Fall Festival scheduled for October 27.

Other events: Parish Outreach Day scheduled for October 20; need all parish leaders here from 8-noon that day.

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Fr. Bryan: Fr. Tom McCartney will visit third week in January, 2014. Looking for another missionary for Lent 2013.

Next meeting Date: Next meeting October 28.

Adjournment

Submitted by Christine Rury _____