

# DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Parish Council - Meeting Minutes (Draft)  
Wednesday, October 19, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Father Ken, Father O'Reilly, Katie Sleeker, Tara Chuidian, Fran Wagner, Tom Giannasi, Ron Campbell, Mack Rich, Frank Russo, Greg Stivers, Patrick Flood, Dave Pangraze, Allie Strollo, Frank de Venoge, Shannon Jones

1. Opening Prayer-Father Ken
2. Minutes from September 21, 2022 Meeting & Procedure for Approving and Posting Minutes:
  - Katie will circulate Minutes with "Draft" in title, 5 days to make comments
  - Tara: Can Minutes be posted in paper form on a bulletin board? Father Ken: Yes, should be fine to post.
  - Tara volunteered to post Agenda and Minutes.

Question was posed on Ministry Fair and how it went:

Ron: Successful; many people stayed to talk after Mass; several ministries reached out to say that they had new volunteers

3. Reports from Liaisons:
  - Faith Formation-Mack Rich:
    - Spoke with Patrick Stearman (new Youth Minister); working to build structure to program and get volunteers;
    - MS curriculum focused on connecting OT and NT; about 20 middle schoolers participating
    - HS-about 50-60 registered, about 25 coming regularly; program also needs volunteers
    - Summer Camps/Programs signs ups are available and would like more deposits
    - Working with contacts around the diocese for service projects
    - Adoration on Sunday evenings will begin
    - Request from Patrick Stearman to Council:
      1. He would like ideas for volunteers.
      2. The Council previously discussed the 5:30 pm Sunday Mass having a heavy youth focus/involvement in the past. Would anyone familiar with that be open to talking to Patrick about it?
    - Questions: Fran-Does RCIA come under Faith Formation? Who is the liaison? Father Ken-Mary Rebecca is the contact
    - Fran volunteered to report on RCIA.
    - Tara-Has Patrick contacted Anne Marie Condlin? Father Ken-Yes

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- Liturgy Committee - Fran Wagner:
    - Advent and Christmas preparations have begun.
    - LC is pleased with 7 new lay ministers.
    - Fran encouraged more outreach for LC once a month at Mass with an announcement before Mass.
    - Fran noted that we need more volunteers to staff positions at all Masses; encouraged invitation once a month during Mass announcements to solicit new volunteers.
  - Outreach - Dave Pangraze:
    - Stuff the Truck is this weekend (10/22) from 9-12;
    - Jeannie is looking for a group of volunteers to support the homebound with light cleaning, etc.;
4. Parish Directory - Report from Ron Campbell:
- On hold for now
  - Overall goal is to update parish database and sign ups for sittings would not accomplish this goal
  - Parish staff will send out a link to update contact information through My Own Church. When a parishioner logs in, only their personal information will be seen as well as monetary donations. Will get pushed out in the next month.
  - Father Ken posed the question: Will people respond to the link to update information? Council: Yes, with announcement at Mass and large poster encouraging participation
5. Year End Fiscals & Census-Father Ken:
- Census:
  - Part of annual report to diocese for this year
  - Tom-Expressed concerns about the discrepancy in number of youth and those actually registered in and receiving religious education
  - Father Ken-It's possible that our numbers are not accurate due to an outdated database; There is little incentive for people to register or tell the parish when they leave and join another parish which leads to inaccuracies in data.
  - Dave-Brainstormed how to streamline to get more people to update data with possible Family Card (paper form) that could be picked up after Mass
  - Allie-Something similar was implemented at her previous school that was effective
  - We are only showing about 30% of teen population receiving religious instruction, which is unusually low. We are trying to focus

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on this need, but also note that it is very possible that the numbers are not entirely accurate

- Financial Summary:
- Tom-Asked for clarification on why General/Admin is located in Income and Expense; Father-General/Admin can also include Sunday collections
- Greg-What is Charity-General? Father Ken: Money given for other kinds of charities such as 2nd collection. Haiti is separated out because it's such a larger one
- Patrick-What about when other priests come in for support? Father-Yes
- Tara-Are we running in a deficit? Father-One thing we don't see is the unrealized losses on stock market
- Tom-Why is there still money still listed in the Charity-General budget line item? Father-Was not distributed as of June 30, 2022 and is waiting to be used.
- Dave-Gave background information on the Humans Concerns Ministry and at one time there was concern that one person was managing all of the money. Father-Parish tries to get that money out the door; agreed that a committee should assist Jeannie to determine what causes need support.

### 6. Synod on Synodality Update:

- US Bishops have now completed their summaries which will go to North America for summarizing.
- Report can be found on USCCB site. Vatican may be extending time frame on this process.

### 7. Reconciliation Services During Advent:

- 2021-additional hours for reconciliation were added as opposed to a Reconciliation Service due to Covid. Father questioned what people prefer.
- Dave: Encouraged church to have a Reconciliation Service
- Father O'Reilly-liked the idea of one day for reconciliation for the school; Allie will discuss this with Leadership Team
- Father asked what most convenient time is for a Reconciliation Service; He will circle back with LC

### 8. Other: Father O'Reilly:

- Saint Bridget Feast Day is February 1; 5:30 pm Solemn Mass will be celebrated with a reception afterwards; He encouraged the Parish Council to attend.

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- Saint Bridget School will also celebrate with a Saint Bridget Prayer Service.

Ron:

- Pilgrimage to DC went well.
- Father Ken: Do you think people would be interested an overnight trip? Ron: It was hard to pull people together but tour company was well received

### 9. Closing Prayer-Father O'Reilly

Next Parish Council Meetings:

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Tuesday, December 13, 2023 - Christmas Social at Katie's house

Upcoming Event:

Stew & Brew, October 21, 2022