

St Malachy Parish Council minutes
August 20, 2018

Members present: Jim Ries,
Mark Kane, Sheila Hanson, Mike Rowlands, Charles LaGiudice, Fr Pakula, John McAvoy, Jennifer Higgins, Joyce Webb, Nicole Reisner

Opening prayer: Nicole Reisner

Introduction to new members.

Minutes from July meeting read and approved as posted.

Standing committee discernment

Adult Faith formation: John McAvoy and Sheila Henson,
Youth Faith formation: Jennifer Higgins and Andrew Thoene
Prayerful Service committees: Kylee Gehl and Mike Rowlands
Administrative and planning: Chuck and Jim Ries

Discussion of current Diocesan policy on alcohol and activities in regards to possible changes to winterfest or alternative parish fundraiser or social events. Collective review and interpretation of presence of children at events with alcohol. Reviewed current St Malachy exemptions.

Discussion of winterfest issues and possibility of a summer activity.

Father to place bulletin/announcement item requesting lead volunteer from parish for winter activity. (Winterfest) This will be over the next 3 weeks.

A subcommittee of council members to discuss options to winterfest was formed. Members are Jim Ries, Shannon Carroll, Chuck LoGiudice and John McAvoy.

Welcoming committee revitalization was discussed. Volunteers for this subcommittee are Nicole Reisner, Chuck LoGiudice and Mark Kane.

Fr Pakula items of interest summary:

ADA a long way from the goal. Will send a letter to the families that contributed last year, but haven't responded yet this year.

St Malachy School: Is working on 5 year goals. Also working toward decreasing percent of parish assistance in paying bills. Presently 50% paid by parish. Diocesan goal of 35%.

Strategic planning sessions in October and November, open to all parishioners. Also will have 6 focus groups of approx 15 people, looking for parish strategic plan. Information will be in the bulletin.

Faith formation positions filled. Erin Hofer CCD coordinator, Alisande Rapps 9th grade confirmation, Kristin Wilson 8th grade confirmation, Bob Thoene Youth, and Debbie Matten 7 & 8th.

Father reviewed baptism trends in the church increasing every year from 18 babies in 2013, 20 in 2014, 20 in 2015, 24 in 2016, 26 in 2017 and 19 so far in 2018.

Fr mentioned the parish council report that was completed 2 years ago and opened discussion to if this document should be continued and put up on the website. No decision made at this time.

Witness program was discussed. No speaker for August. Shannon mentioned possibly Mary Ellen Labato and Mary Gillespie.

Once witness person confirmed, John will send confirmed names to Jessica in the office so that the announcements will contain a message for the commentator at each Mass.

Items from past

Mass Journals

Mass Explanation Ryan Wilson

Fr Larry Richards speaking event Brian Seals

Shannon will follow up with each item for next meeting.

September and October possible meeting guests will be Deacons and also Social justice. John and Shannon will contact.

Next meeting September 17th 7pm.

Next liturgist Jennifer Higgins.

Filling in secretary- Nicole Reisner