

## Saint Malachy Parish Council

### Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 25th, 2021

**Members Present:** Fr. Daniel Gifford (Pastor), Julie Atwell (Trustee), Jen Ulam (Chair), Sheila Henson (Vice Chair), Mark Kane, John Bean, Becky Werner (Secretary), Theresa Walck, Darci Harrison, Kevin Lillis (Trustee), Shannon Carroll, Robert O'Rourke (Ex Officio)

**Opening Prayer:** Teresa Walck led the Council in prayer to open the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** September 2021 Minutes were emailed for review to the Council prior to the meeting. Father Gifford motioned of approval and Mark Kane seconded the motion. All affirmed and the minutes were so approved.

**Guest Speaker** – Alleman representative could not attend. Father Hoelscher post-poned to another time and Father Gifford will reach out to coordinate.

#### **Watched Formed: Parish Renewal**

##### Culture Change – Chapter 2

Parish renewal: core reason and goal – fundamental culture change. There is a culture in the church within the culture of the community that does influence and impact the culture in the church. Examples are the decline to 30% believe the Eucharist to be the body, or no volunteers or subtle resistance. Church to shift from the culture of maintenance to a culture of mission. In the past the broader culture would support the church culture. Everyone in neighborhood pushed towards church and faith. Everyone would know a nun. This would keep the culture of the church vibrant and would come back with families. Broader culture changed, the parishes did not. Catholic is no longer the largest body but it is now the Nones (no faith). Trend to secularization with the culture not being supportive to religion. Radically on a mission to “make disciples of all nations”.

1. Practical reason – growth = only path forward
2. Timely – call to new evangelization – more secular culture means more radical mission
3. The REAL reason – churches identity to remember who you are
  - a. Jesus died for us to be a part of the body of the Church

#### **Discussion on video from Formed:**

Culture as society makes it difficult to make a Catholic culture

Before we can evangelize culture of society we need to transform the culture in the church from maintenance to evangelize

What are some positives or strengths identified at the culture of St Malachy:

Lots to be involved with and at different ages

Work well with other churches in town

Lots of generous members financially

Ahead of other parishes to get transformation – such as Cursillo and Tec

Father Gifford being an involved leader. Goal to know and engage with members

Where is there opportunities to become even more mission focused

Neighborhood groups – revisit this as a way to grow who you knew

Focus on youth – questions to discuss with parents

Focus inwardly or yourself within the parish – then focus on community on the outside or to the Nones

Families to have tools at home – building the parish at home

Catholic church – one Christian church amount many

Grow deeper to know Jesus – who has the Lord placed in my life?

Connect parishioners together – post pandemic drifted apart – knit it back together building relationships

**Items of Interest from Fr. Gifford:**

Parish Novena starting on Friday October 29<sup>th</sup> – time for renewal to remember who we are

A Parish of God

Holy7 half our adoration at noon both Friday and Saturday

Sunday official feast celebration

Sunday November 7 lasagna supper pick up for Parents Club

November 21<sup>st</sup> – Geneseo community Thanksgiving prayer led by Father Gifford at 4PM

**Items from the Council:**

**Old Business:**

**Revisit Catholic Care packs** – guest speaker brought in by Jim Schmedding in past. Catholic and police work together for those who are released from jail to have items. Interest in supporting with donation of 1% every of collection to a cause. Voted on Novembers collection going to support this need and was unanimous yes

**Committees** – There was no questions from members on information given. Asked to meet with the head of the committees and see if need anything from the council. Time after the new year, around February report back about the committees. Discussed on council members to support the committees which can be very beneficial. See if they shut down and did not get started up again yet or maybe there is not a need for the committee anymore. Effort to connect and see the status. Not to pressure the committee but to see how we can assist and discern what we are called to do now. Have an open line of communication and bridge the gaps. Lets be the reignition to get it going again with an opportunity to shift the energy as things did slow down. Parish council is the drive of the mission and to branch out.

**Other** – Implement confidence on who can speak about Catholicism. Those who are just doing this and not realizing it.

St Malachy website – has been difficult to get staff for the technology

**New Business:**

Finance committee update - from Sheila Henson they will be meeting October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:**

Father Gifford to look into gust speaker with Alleman

**Future Meeting Dates Revised:** (Every 4. Monday in the Youth Room at 7 PM)

**November 29.**(week after Thanksgiving)

**No meeting in December**

**January 24**

**February 28**

**Liturgist for Next Meeting:** Sheila H.

**Closing Prayer:** Theresa Walck led the Council in prayer to close the meeting.

**Adjourned meeting:** Motioned by John Bean, second by Jen Ullam

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becky Werner (Secretary) and subject to approval at the next meeting **Parish Council Assignments 2021**