

Saint Malachy Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 23, 2021

Members Present: Fr. Daniel Gifford (Pastor), Julie Atwell (Trustee), Jen Ulam (Chair), Sheila Henson (Vice Chair), Mark Kane, John Bean, Ali Rapps, Becky Werner (Secretary), Theresa Walck, Robert O'Rourke (ex officio), Jim Riese, Darci Harrison, Kevin Lillis

Opening Prayer: Robert O'Rourke led the Council in prayer to open the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: July 2021 Minutes were emailed for review to the Council prior to the meeting. John Bean motioned to approve the minutes. Teresa Walck seconded the motion. All affirmed and the minutes were so approved.

Guest Speaker Jim Ries in regards to Summerfest:

Went over handout with financials from event. Revenue was not the intention for the event - focus was for a reason to gather. This year there was an increase of \$800 for the first year. Bingo this year had twice as many people and usually has a good turn out. Could potential be a gather every other month for other groups or church gatherings. Cost is just the prizes from Heaven Sent Scip. Bags tournament had the lowest turnout in comparison to previous year with only 9 teams, half of first year. Would like to see 20 or more for the excitement and competition. Saw more younger kids with activities geared more towards their age groups. Handed out about 250 whiteys cups of icecream. Nice having this with funnel cakes during day and the food trucks in the evening for options. Big thank you to Minneart from GBC for donation with the beer tent. Slip and Slide kickball was fun for the older kids. Sarah O. did a great job on getting ideas for the kids activities. Possibly next year having a kid section to where they cannot leave with entertaining like bounce house, booths etc and parents can go to the adult area with live music. Noticed the band was a little distant from the crowd. Thinking of the area next to the church for the attendees to have an option to get closer or sit away from the music to talk. Dunktank was a success seeing Father Gifford dunked about 20 times. Next time like to see a nomination of people to be entered.

Suggestion on timeframes - thinking of ways to not have event during mass times. Sunday after a morning mass. Already thinking of next year date on August 13. This is right before school when most families are back from summer vacations and in town available to attend. Suggestion of an outdoor mass on the Saturday but not recommended or as a first choice with our ability to have in the chapel. Sunday would be difficult if on a school night if have the late dance party again. But if starts after morning mass and until 7 pm with the teen dance on another night for a weekend. This event really involved adult and kids activities but missed the teen group. Ask for their input with planning. Possibly more seating outside such as renting tables for beer garden area from the park district/city.

Jim would like to add someone to help market the event. Get budget for banners or signs ahead of time and to be used annually with no dates similar to Winterfest. Would like a meeting with a group of other volunteers in the fall or January to start planning and marketing

Items of Interest from Fr. Gifford:

Start of school:

Theresa Walck is joining with the art and music department

Morgan Sarber joining the music department

Derek Bolme is joining with the PE department

Tim Smith is joining as the Principal. Recently retired from Princeton as the Super Intendant. Felt the calling to be at a Catholic School.

Other:

Tech upgrades underway with new email addresses - the parish will be the same url as school

Will be able to utilize googlemeet as an option now instead of zoom

Thursday Thoughts Series - Let's make disciples: will feature different groups

Such as CCD with Mike R., Confirmation class with Kimberly, adult discipleship

Items from the Council:

Old Business:

- Committee Information reported from Jen Ulam:

Finance Council - Mark Roberts ---- Shelia Henson

Pastoral Care - Ed Kemnitz

Stewardship Committee - Willis Andel

Social Justice Committee - Vicky Bean

Liturgy Committee - Mary Frimml

Wellness Committee - Cathie Stinson

Right to Life Committee - Mary Gillespie

Altar and Rosary Society - Mary Ann Carius

Please connect with committee and let them know we are still here to support. Update counsel members for each group.

New Business:

Finance committee update - from Sheila Henson will be meeting on Thursday August 26th.

Other - google calendar invite will be sent for meetings.

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Next Meeting Read from the Parish As a School of Prayer - bring book

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

September 27th

October 25th

November 22nd (week of Thanksgiving)

Liturgist for Next Meeting: Jen Ulam

Closing Prayer: Robert O'Rourke led the Council in prayer to close the meeting.

Adjourned meeting: Motioned by John Bean, second by Sheila Henson

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becky Werner (Secretary) and subject to approval at the next meeting.