

## Saint Malachy Parish Council

### Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 28, 2021

**Members Present:** Fr. Daniel Gifford (Pastor), Julie Atwell via Zoom (Trustee), Kevin Lillis (Trustee), Sheila Henson (Vice Chair), Shannon Carroll, Mark Kane, Darci Dietrich, Jim Ries, Joe Mroz, Jennifer Higgins (Secretary) and Guest Speaker: Karen Turner (Social Justice Committee)

**Opening Prayer:** Mark Kane led the Council in prayer to open the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** May 2021 Minutes were emailed for review to the Council prior to the meeting. It was pointed out that Joyce Webb's name was misspelled in the Next Meeting Guest section. Jim Ries motioned to approve the minutes with the above spelling correction. Darci Dietrich seconded the motion. All affirmed and the minutes were so approved.

**Guest Speaker:** Karen Turner, President of St. Malachy's Social Justice Committee, spoke to the Council and outlined many of the projects that the Committee is/has been working on: Advent Giving Tree, Aunt Mary's Storybook, Student Services Collection, New Life for Women Farm, Trees for Haiti, Food Pantry, Humility Homes, and Need Based Request Form (to use when someone asks the church for help. Jim Ries said he has a similar program at Village Home Stores and will share his guidelines with the Social Justice Committee. Other Committee projects include Mental Health speakers, Human Trafficking speakers, Fair Trade Sale, Garden of Eden Sale, and Christmas cards and gifts for military families. The next S.J. meeting will be on July 6<sup>th</sup> outside at the shelter.

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

- The Oasis Revival Retreat had 14 participants, 3 talks, live music and went very well.
- We have 2 days left to find a full-time Music Director or else we will need to hire a part-time music teacher for the school.
- Father put in a formal Request to the Diocese for the Security Project.
- We are also working on Technology updates in the church office.
- Father introduced the two new Trustees: Julie Atwell and Kevin Lillis.

#### Items from the Council:

##### Old Business:

- Parish Council Member Selection Committee: Shannon Carroll said there were five names submitted. After prayer and discernment, the following three were selected to be on Parish Council: James Schmeding, Theresa Walck, and Becky Warner. Jim Ries and Jennifer Higgins will be coming off Parish Council. Robert O'Rourke will be an ex officio member.
- Summerfest: Jim Ries gave an update. A second food truck has been secured. There will be a bags tournament, bingo, beer garden, funnel cakes, live music, dunk tank, and kids' activities including water stuff, watermelon eating contest, and root beer floats. Jim is not sure if he will have the port-a-potties again as they hardly got used last time.

**New Business:**

- Finance Committee Update: Sheila Henson reported that the Finance Committee did not meet in June.
- The Re-Opening Committee is continuing to make gradual changes.
- We will be re-starting the Welcoming Committee in the Fall.
- The Faith Formation Committee will be meeting to set up Bible Studies and other Adult Education programs.
- We will be having a Ministry Fair – maybe later in the year.

**Next Meeting:** We will be reading The Parish as a School of Prayer so remember to bring your books.

**Future Meeting Dates:** (Every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in the Youth Room at 7 PM)

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** (New members will begin)

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Liturgist for Next Meeting:** Sheila Henson

**Closing Prayer:** Mark Kane led the Council in prayer to close the meeting.

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