

Saint Malachy Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 24th, 2022

Members Present: Fr. Daniel Gifford (Pastor), Theresa Walck (Chair), Becky Werner (Secretary), Robert O'Rourke (Ex Officio), Mark Kane, Julie Atwell (Trustee), Kevin Lillis (Trustee), Sheila Henson, Brad Maas, Jenna Freadhoff, Shannon Carrol, Jim Schmedding

Opening Prayer: Kevin Lillis led the Council in prayer to open the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: September 2022 Minutes were emailed for review to the Council prior to the meeting. Corrections made to notes. Jim Schmedding motioned of approval and Father Gifford seconded the motion. All affirmed and the minutes were so approved.

Introductions for new parish council members

Items of Interest from Fr. Gifford:

- Books for Parrish voted on resulted in ordering "Becoming a Eucharistic People" to be given away during Christmas
- Friday October 29 will begin parish novena similar to past years.
 - Hand outs to be made available to participate at home or noon at church for adoration until Saturday November 5th
 - Feast day is actually November 3rd, but we will transfer it to following Sunday and change the liturgical calendar
 - Altar and Rosary hosting a breakfast after both masses on Sunday
- Comin up Saturday in Peoria the Diocese will have meeting on Eucharistic Revival
 - Will be sending two church members to attend
- Sound survey began to get feedback from parishioners
 - Will go another week to get more feedback and data for a baseline of collection
 - Then review to see if adjustments can be made
- GMA Services – the Geneseo Church pastors collaborate the Sunday before Thanksgiving for a day of prayer, will be hosted at the Geneseo highschool instead of a host church
 - Sunday November 20th at 4 pm in the auditorium
- Advent weekend after Thanksgiving on December 3rd Bob Thoene and Tom Matten will be ordained Deacons
 - Reception to be planned – tentatively weekend of the 18th
 - Parish council to contact Circle 3-4: Mary Ann to see if they can help take on putting together a reception breakfast
- November 20th – coffee and donuts after both masses hosted by Parrish Council
 - Parents club held last one and ran out with 150 donuts
 - Jim to get the donuts ordered
 - Use material already in kitchen for set up
- November 19th-20th – Altar and Rosary hosting a bake sale before all masses
 - Will accept donation for bakery items from parrishoners
- December 21st – school program on Wednesday
 - That week school mass will be on Monday the 19th
 - Keep altar and sanctuary against the wall instead of removing and set up risers
 - Daily mass will be held in chapel for the week
- 4th week of Advent is a full week so discussed options on masses
 - plan with two Christmas Eve masses on Saturday: 4pm and 7pm and normal Sunday

- Christmas masses with both times 8:15am and 10:30am
 - plan with three Christmas Eve Masses on Saturday 4pm, 7pm and 10pm with only one mass Sunday Christmas at 9 am
 - Voted and chose the second plan as it is the same in the past two years
- Sister parish in TN updates and direction
 - Social justice committee
 - Still pray almost every Sunday for our sister parish and send money
 - Originally connected when they were a mission church to pray with them and help grow to be an independent parrish – they have reached the goal
 - Would still like to be involved with our parrish
 - Both parishes have new pastors since the beginning but communication has been difficult the past couple of years
 - Discern and pray on how to continue the relationship and make more substantial
 - Ask if find another sister parish to help reach a goal
 - Follow up in next meeting

Items from Council

Financial Update – Sheila

- No meeting since last update. Will meet in November.
- Committee updates
 - Begin to reach out to church members for the different committees
 - Shannon to help get the original questions parish council would ask
 - See if they need any assistance
 - Update the council at the January meeting

Old Business:

- Article 2 & 3 by laws
 - Article 3 Section 5
 - States condensed report to parish
 - Discussed that the meeting minutes approved is knowing it will be shared with publicly to website
 - Article 3 Section 6
 - States non member to record minutes of meeting
 - Ask if anyone like to take on
- Continue to review all the bi laws then go through any possible updates
- Reach out to parish office to get plan in place to get council information
- Next meeting review Articles 4 & 5

Parish Renewal Formed – Table to next meeting

Future Meeting Dates: (Every 4-Monday in the conference room at 7 PM)

November 28th

No December meeting

January 23rd

February 27th

March 4th – tentative retreat – possibly car party date

Liturgist for Next Meeting: Shannon Carroll

Closing Prayer: Kevin Lillis

Adjourned meeting: Motioned Jim Schmedding and seconded by Father Gifford

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

Parish Council Assignments 2022