

Saint Malachy Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 26th, 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, Brice Maertens, Isabel Anderson

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

Approval of Minutes: August 2022 Minutes were emailed for review to the Council prior to the meeting. Corrections made to notes. Mark Kane motioned of approval and Brice Maertens seconded the motion. All affirmed and the minutes were so approved.

Introductions for new parish council members

Items of Interest from Fr. Gifford:

- Long list of announcements for October
 - Pet Blessing October 4th 3:30 at shelter
 - Respect life month and month of the rosary
 - 2nd year to lead a life chain at the park on October 3 – including other parishes
 - Baby bottle campaign, Knights pancake, and school raising money
- Server training rescheduled to the 8th and 15th
 - Numbers are not too bad but could use few more
 - This month training will show the numbers of who steps up outside of the school
- Father out of town October 17-19 for priest assembly meetings
- Positions still open – young/adult discipleship, music director, janitor
 - Looking into how transition would be with music director if Mary will be part of new direction the director would take
 - Will look into candidates and then move forward with what they have to offer
 - This position works with other great volunteers with all different styles
- End of October novena for our parish feast day on November 6 celebrated at all masses
 - Altar and rosary will be providing a breakfast
- Two deacons being ordained first Saturday of December
 - Parish council to discuss reception
- Two teen parishioners have been reached out to about Parish Council
 - One confirmed to take position – Jenna Freadhoff – to get contact
 - Father to reach out to Bob Thoene to get referral for second

Items from Council

Financial Update – Sheila

- Meeting was in June
 - Stained glass windows will be moving forward
 - The two upper sections facing Ogden all the way across
 - Finalizing design and approval – possibly spring/summer 2023
- Meeting at end of August

- Fiscal year end in June
- Over \$7300 for ADA – this is returned to St. Malachy
- Maintenance redid school floors
- August income was low and was expected
- Parents club got new chrome books for school - \$34,000.00
- Sweepers were upgraded
- 112 student enrolled – steady as last year

Old Business:

- Fall Activities Fair – good for community and opening eyes to all that goes on
 - Some groups flexed with new members
 - Successful with community building
- Article 1 by laws
 - We have the 9 members – looking to fill one more teen member
 - Anonymous – add into section 2 part b – option on form to check box if like to disclose who nominated the member
 - Section 2 part d – put a little more detail on praying on decision during this meeting as noted in section 3
- Review Section 2 Vacancies and Removals and Section 3 officers for next meeting
- Parish Council Retreat – goal to grow together spiritually
 - Catechism retreat similar – adoration with first Saturday mass then meeting with light refreshments afterwards
 - Look into having a big topic to discuss during this meeting
 - Scheduled for March 4th from 8am to 12pm – Lenten retreat
- Coffee and donuts led by Parish Council in November to be discussed in October
- Social coming up Saturday after mass – service project to make cards for home bound people Oct. 1

New Business

- Summerfest- Sub committee to join Jim Ries
 - Rebecca put together and assist Jim to get support and marketing of event
- Winterfest
 - Rename and revamp the event
 - Was a wonderful event for fellowship and fundraising during its time
 - There is not a “need” to have a large fundraiser for the church – not the goal
 - What do other churches do during the winter to socialize or have fellowship?
 - Winter dinners such as pot locks as an option
 - Possibly a bake sale and bingo night
 - Plan at next meeting for a winter meal event

Parish Renewal Formed – Chapter 13

- Communicating a vision
 - The church exist for their neighbors
 - Motivate by the why – change is going to happen

- Being asked by parish will the members then commit by knowing the why
- Let the why drive the decision

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

October 24th

November 28th

No December meeting

Liturgist for Next Meeting: Kevin Lillis

Closing Prayer: Kevin Lillis

Adjourned meeting: Motioned Father Gifford and seconded by Theresa Walck

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

Parish Council Assignments 2022