

Saint Malachy Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 27th, 2022

Members Present: Fr. Daniel Gifford (Pastor), Jen Ulam (Chair), Becky Werner (Secretary), Theresa Walck, Robert O'Rourke (Ex Officio), Mark Kane, Julie Atwell (Trustee), Kevin Lillis, Joe Mroz, Sheila Henson, Shannon Carroll, Brad Maas, Brice Maertens, Isabel Anderson

Opening Prayer: Father Gifford led the Council in prayer to open the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: May 2022 Minutes were emailed for review to the Council prior to the meeting. Corrections made to spelling of names, along with attendance. Theresa Walck motioned of approval and Shannon Carroll seconded the motion. All affirmed and the minutes were so approved.

Introductions for new parish council members

Items of Interest from Fr. Gifford:

- Father will be leaving the afternoon of 7/3
 - Awaiting on Father to get Visa and will be present 7/6 for two weeks
- Totus Tuus last week of July – no parish council meeting due to schedule
- August 14 – Summerfest after Saturday 4pm mass
- Kay agreed to be chair person for Fall Activities Fair
 - She will reach out to others for help and get the outline down
 - This event will show parishioners how to get involved
 - Invite others to have a relationship with Jesus – by getting involved can have the encounter with Jesus
- Photography for parish directory in August
 - Every 5-7 years is the goal – we are currently at 6 years since last directory
- Corpus Christi – thankful to the parishioners as it extended the mass by 80 minutes
 - Received good feedback and most parishioners proceeded with the walk

Items from Council

Old Business:

- **Fall Activities Fair – discussed above**
- **African Missionary Priest – have emergency transportation signed up – Jen U., Deacon Robert, and Theresa W.**
 - **14 parishioners signed up to provide dinner**
- **St. Malachy website – Jen U. will be working with the office staff to manage the website – will begin soon.**
- **Review by-laws – beginning reviewing as a council possibly start in September**
- **Discuss in next meeting about possible retreat for parish council**

New Business

- **Parish council by-laws and constitution**
 - Can be changed without the Diocese approval – choose a structure that works for our parish
 - Agenda to parish beforehand – possible online before the meeting
 - Invite parish members to join
 - Coming year review each section at meeting to break it down and discuss
 - Start at September meeting and divide up in the next 4 months
- **Parish council**
 - Suggestions went well and members accepted new positions
 - Darci is waiting to hear back for 2 new teen members that would like to participate
- **Nominations for positions with new council**
 - Sheila and Rebecca accepted keeping current positions
 - Voted and had Julie tally counts for Chair
 - New positions:
 - Theresa Walck – Chair
 - Sheila Henson – Vice Chair
 - Rebecca Werner – Secretary
 - Administration and planning committees – Brad Moss and teen member
 - Adult Faith Formation – Jim Schmedding and Shannon Carroll
 - Prayerful Service – Mark Kane and Isabel Anderson
 - Youth Faith Formation – Brice Maertens and teen member
- **Summerfest-** Jen will reach out to Ries on who to contact if needing help from parish council
- **Other**
 - Moving forward meetings will be held in conference room
 - Winterfest – in the past was an event either in January or February
 - Past event takes up whole church from the breakfast/coffee in morning to

luncheon for the afternoon. Throughout day have silent auction, bake sale and craft vendor sale. Past also included spaghetti dinner at night

- Fundraiser for the church
- Would need to begin planning and organizing in July
- Thoughts if the church should bring it back and how to implement
- Roughly made about \$15,000 with the last one in 2019
 - Financially would it be a need for the church to put it on
 - How fruitful was winterfest for the church?
- Welcome committee like to do game nights throughout the year
 - Bring it down to smaller events all year round
- Look into ideas for next meeting
- If members want to do something for the church who are they to contact?
- Welcome committee has their first meeting this week
 - Discuss at next meeting and put it in the by laws
- Parish Renewal Formed – Reviewed series with future parish council with attached notes
 - Church is the missionary – make disciples by encountering with Jesus
 - First of 4 keys
 - Cast the vision by starting with the why
 - Renewal efforts can go wrong
 - Not help them see the vision and just keep trying “stuff”
 - Everyone in touch on the why
 - Example with Apple hurting in late 90’s – Steve came back and rally to “think different” ad
 - Showed the video to the works to get the why with the ad
 - Brand was wounded and made a life changing way
 - Communicate vision to Parrish – why does the parish exist?

- Inspire culture change need – answer the why am I Catholic?
- Next meeting to discuss

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

No meeting in July (tentative)

August 22nd (tentative)

September 26th (tentative)

October 24th (tentative)

Liturgist for Next Meeting: Did not assign

Closing Prayer: Father Gifford

Adjourned meeting: Motioned Father Gifford and seconded by Jen Ulam

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

Parish Council Assignments 2022