

Saint Malachy Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 25th, 2022

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

Opening Prayer: Jen Ulam led the Council in prayer to open the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: February 2022 Minutes were emailed for review to the Council prior to the meeting. No meeting was held in March due to attendance. John Bean motioned of approval and Theresa Walck seconded the motion. All affirmed and the minutes were so approved.

Items of Interest from Fr. Gifford:

- Fall Activity Fair
 - Have one to group in with recruiting moment
 - Held stewardship fair about 9 years ago - groups would highlight what they do
 - There was hurt feelings and dissatisfaction in the past with people involved
 - Parishioners need to engage - many at Sunday mass that are not connected
 - This will give opportunity but need to keep up after event
 - Discussions with groups tied to the event
 - After all masses during a specific time in fall before CCD, bible studies etc begin to get people involved
 - Groups be engaged with parishioners, not just information handed out
 - Give aways, activities - challenge booths to be fun and engaging
 - Check in stations with a map of the booths and info
 - Thinking late August - summer fest scheduled for August 13th and can unveil this event - school starts August 15
 - Tentative weekend of the 27th
 - Julie to get with Kate on notes from past events - put together a committee from Parish council to start organizing
- African Missionary Priest - parish involvement
 - Two weeks at our parish in summer and will have appeal during second week for their mission
 - He is a missionary to us – the church is thriving in Africa and we need Jesus.
 - Father Gifford leaves on July 4th and around July 6th he will arrive
 - How to work out hospitality?
 - Every other day parishioners provide meals and meet with priest
 - He will not have access to vehicles – set up on call drivers if needed for emergency – act of charity to offer up by parishioners
 - Utilize bulletin to set up sign up sheets for the services
 - Theresa will reach out to welcoming committee to get going on it
 - Have two people on point to manage the signup sheet
- Mother's day will include May crowning at mass
- Following weekend will be graduation mass
 - Tradition in past before covid but people who organized it stepped down
 - New youth leader figuring it out
- Corpus Christi are the two Sundays after Pentecost

- Revival of Eucharist procession with afternoon adoration
- Have a simple approach
 - One of the masses have a simple procession with the Eucharist going outside walking down Ogden for the group of parishioners to follow Jesus
- Children mass to look at availability by volunteers to schedule in June, maybe July
- Totus Tuus on radar

Items from Council

Old Business:

- **Committee updates**
 - **Theresa working with welcome committee**
 - Parents club will host a coffee and donuts after mass
 - Wish list from David Wallack to Father included:
 - IPAD for streaming (possible donation), laptop for library, network access points (going through Twin Cities IT) as church office too old, network cable upgrade, outdoor marquee to be used with school (getting donors about \$15,000), information board in narthex (possible TV that was used during covid), Screens in church – controversial
 - Do we need a committee for technology – currently just David with small team that worked on live streaming but moving away from this and utilizing Twin Cities
 - **Mark spoke with Mary on pray for life committee**
 - March was a big step for her and would like to add members
 - Get with Henry County Rights for Life
 - Did not connect with Altar and Rosary
 - Pastoral care committee – no one filling in and pretty busy
 - Realizing they want company and visits not just the communion
 - Include this possibly as ministry at the activities fair
 - Get more commissioning
 - Knights of Columbus supports other service groups in need of recruits
 - Getting the youth involved
 - **Darci – successful retreats planned in spring**
 - Kimberly planning Totus Tuus in summer
 - 5-6 teens each week coming from the high school
 - Working on scholarship
 - Not spoken with CCD leaders

New Business

- **Finance Committee – meeting March 9**
 - **Capital funds goal for faculty upgrades**
 - **ADA this year is over asset – what to use it for?**
 - **Tuition statistical on the low end (2nd cheapest) in Quad Cities**
 - **Rate will be increasing for the upcoming year**

- Music director have leads for School side but need leads for parish side
- Selection committee for new council members
 - Darci, Jen, and John – need 3 new members
 - Committee includes Jen, Jim, Elizabeth H, Mike Roemer currently
 - Dates: May 1st to April 30th speak about opening in council
 - May 7-8 commentator at masses announce application
 - May 7-15 applications available in narthex and online
 - May 16-21 selection committee go through nominations
 - Week of the 23rd orientation meeting for potential nominees
 - June 3 – for nominee to decide like to move forward
 - June 6-10 committee discern and meet
 - Week of June 13th presented to Father Gifford
 - Darci to discern on youth to replace Ali and get feedback from Joe if like to continue
 - June 27th first meeting with new members and members exiting the council
- Parish council by-laws and constitution - next meeting
- St. Malachy website - parish council
 - Getting documents added to website including parish council meeting notes
 - Debbie and Mary currently can put items on the site – get secretary to update it
 - Does there need to be a committee to manage it? Don't let it fall behind? Would this be a specific job duty?
- Other
- Parish Renewal Formed - watch in next meeting
 - Two intentions – open heart to encounter Jesus through the Easter story
 - Those in our parish that He is pointing us towards – coffee, great with smile, encourage relationships
 - Invite Christ into us and lead others

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

May 23rd

June 27th – (new council members)

Liturgist for Next Meeting: Mark Kane

Closing Prayer: Jen Ulam

Adjourned meeting: Motioned by Jen Ulam

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becky Werner (Secretary) and subject to approval at the next meeting **Parish Council Assignments 2022**