

## Saint Malachy Parish Council

### Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** January 2022 Minutes were emailed for review to the Council prior to the meeting. John Bean motioned of approval and Mark Kane seconded the motion. All affirmed and the minutes were so approved.

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

- Theresa Mariman took another job and currently have an open position with the description in the bulletin. Prayers are asked to fill position and encourage reaching out for any potential hires.
- Past two Thursday Thoughts have been focused on praying for music director position to be filled. Asking for prayers to fill position by the summer. Plan A is to hire a director to take on both the need for parish and school. Plan B is to split the position and hire a person to run the parish and another to run the school.
- Theme for Lent handed out to formation leaders, staff, parish council:
  - Savor His Love
- Directory is underway:
  - No announcement on dates and looking to 2023.
  - There is a 4-5 members on the committee and currently getting with an agency and looking at their referrals from other parishes with process and outcome.
  - Goal to have an update every 5 years which we are at that point.
- Summer save the dates for Totuus Tuis in July – July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup> day camp for kids
  - Including conversation in Thursday talk and during masses
  - There will be 5 days for kids and 5 evenings for teens for activities with missionaries
  - Looking into a potluck for the parish during this time for a renewal with the whole parish.
  - Will be looking into the details of setting it up – including volunteer families to host room for the missionaries along with dinners. The missionaries are general college aged.
- Car Party – schedule for in person event in April – first time in 3 years
  - Will be setting up area and moving mass time that Saturday – will not be putting the chairs as overflow seating in the narthex afterwards.
- Mid-April includes Divine Mercy Sunday – we did not do the parishioners testimony booklet this year – will see if someone steps up to head it up in future.
- Lent – will include noon confessions Monday-Wednesday
  - Father Gifford will be out of town spring break
  - Holy hour will be available Tuesday March 29
  - Stations of the cross at noon and 7pm Fridays during lent
  - Knights fish fry scheduled for April 8
  - Teens living stations on Palm Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>

## Items from Council

### Old Business:

#### Committees updates – email reminder in March to follow up

- Jim and Sheila working on reaching out to adult formation contacts
  - Social and Liturgy committee is very active – Mike Sigwalt president
- Mark and Joe – following up with prayful service
- Darci and Alli – were not in attendance to discuss youth formation
- Theresa and John – following up with administrative planning
  - Dave is transitioning and went with Twin States
  - Welcoming committee led by Chuck and Mary LoGiudice seeing who wants to be on the committee
    - Theresa joined
    - Looking to have a couple game nights a year and have the okay to get going
    - Help with coffee meetings and continue to have once a month
      - Knights of Columbus had a good turn out with pancake breakfast
      - Altar and Rosary is leading the next one in March – Father to get date

### New Business

**Finance Committee** – Cancelled meeting and switch to having quarterly meetings – scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>

### Other – Terms ending

- Jim, Darci, Jen, Joe and Allie are reaching their three year term end
  - They need to let committee know by March if want to do another three years or not so can proceed if need to fill spots and let parish know
  - June will start the new cycle of terms

### Watched Formed: Parish Renewal

What is disciple – Chapter 7

An Intentional disciple can become a buzzword and lose its meaning. Philosophy defines the terms and language clarifies the ideas. Simple concepts with a long word and can obscure more than clarify. “Disciple” is one who moves from habit (social) to personally living it. It is an encounter with a person we trust with our whole life. A conscience decision to drop the nets and follow Jesus as wrote in Galatians. You may not always agree or understand but still follow Jesus. There is a conversion moment or season of life that calls you deeper. There will be a time when you get asked and can answer when this moment is/was. Disciples then encourage others to find it.

### Discussion on video from Formed:

Agree that words can confuse or become just a term with no meaning.

Disciple does not mean to go out and just proclaim.

First step is to go to Jesus and follow him. Making the choice to openly follow him even with unknowns or full understanding. Go through the sacraments.

We define disciples as those who follow Jesus

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

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Liturgist for Next Meeting:** Jim Schmedding

**Closing Prayer:** Theresa Walck led the Council in prayer to close the meeting

**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**