

Saint Malachy Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 28th, 2022

Members Present: Fr. Daniel Gifford (Pastor), Theresa Walck (Chair), Becky Werner (Secretary), Robert O'Rourke (Ex Officio), Mark Kane, Kevin Lillis (Trustee), Sheila Henson, Brad Maas, Jenna Freadhoff, Shannon Carroll, Brice Maertens, Micah Thoene

Opening Prayer: Shannon Carroll led the Council in prayer to open the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: October 2022 Minutes were emailed for review to the Council prior to the meeting. It was motioned and second for approval. All affirmed and the minutes were so approved.

Introductions for new parish council members

Items of Interest from Fr. Gifford:

- Advent
 - Confession times doubled – noon Monday through Thursday
 - Deacons joining clergy
 - Knights of Columbus hosting reception December 11 after both masses
 - Come let us adore him as a focus
 - Ad around town on Christmas mass times
- Diocese Eucharistic Revival
 - Tom and Adam went to meeting and had ideas to discuss
 - New committee – Parish council member to volunteer and reach out to Father to join
- Bishop Lou – initiate diocese traveling monstrous
 - September 2023 will be our church turn with it
 - Invite not just Geneseo parish members to come
- New music director
 - Lance – still on the job training transitioning
- Sound system is being worked on and making adjustments
 - Continue into 2023 will know if it is corrected or need to update the system
- Sister parish
 - No progress on getting in contact with
 - Agreement was framed in the library stating for a one year commitment
 - Pray and discern on where the help is needed, continue assisting with this same church or move to another parish, how to grow relationship
- School report
 - Christmas concert in month of December
 - Catholic school week is Jan 29 to Feb 3rd with a kickoff after Sunday mass Jan 28 and open house
 - Increase awareness of school information to the parish members

Items from Council

Financial Update – Sheila

- No meeting since last update
- Committee updates
 - January reach out to groups and get contact

- Shannon sending email out with general questions used in the past
- Letter of resignation from Isabel Anderson
 - Bi laws state need to replace- bring any suggestions to president
 - Approval from council
 - Before January meeting give suggestions to Theresa and Father Gifford

Old Business:

- Article 4 Section 3
 - Bulletin – meeting time for parish council so others know
 - Keep meeting open ended for discussion
 - Announce time and place – was in last bulletin
- Article 4 Section 5
 - Minutes being public
 - Discussion should all be public – we should not be discussing HR matters or private items for most part
 - Will we have all notes public record or a synopsis of meeting
- Article 5
 - Stated mission – need work down the line to be clearer
 - Revisit at some point
 - Process of evangelization
- Article 5 Section 2
 - All committees coming to council for something
 - Do they need to come to council for approvals?
 - May need to re word the section to soften and not needing council approval
 - More of a collaborative spirit working together
 - Council is holding it together, not go in different directions.

Parish Renewal Formed – 15 Simple and Clear

- How many ministries are talking about numbers going up?
- Simple can accomplish purpose as the core to rally around it
- People create the process and create the programs
 - Think the specific program with evangelizing people
 - Pre evangelization process was to receive the gospel
 - Be intentional to build relationship – example coffee and donuts
 - Along with those who already accepted Jesus to grow their discipleship
 - Go out into the community – be an apostolate
 - Give as an example of being a Christian or share His word
 - Don't assume all those in church know Jesus
- Father Gifford sending a follow up email with attachment of past videos

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

January 30th – updated

February 27th

March 4th – tentative retreat – possibly car party date

Liturgist for Next Meeting: Brice Maertens

Closing Prayer: Shannon Carroll

Adjourned meeting: Motioned and seconded

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

Parish Council Assignments 2022