

Saint Malachy Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, 27 November 2023

Members Present: Fr. Gifford, Theresa Walck, Brad Maas, Erik Brown, Brian Sebastian, Jenna Freadhoff, Kathy Hanford, Kristin Wilson, Christina Pustejovsky, Deacon Robert O'Rourke, Brice Maertens, Julie Atwell,

Opening Prayer: Kristin Wilson

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from October meeting were emailed prior to the meeting. Motioned by Theresa, seconded by Kristin Wilson for approval. All voted to approve minutes with noted corrections.

Into His Likeness Fr. Gifford (pg 28-30)

Items of Interest / New Business Fr. Gifford

- Works of Mercy Holy Hours - Fr. G confirms online giving is still working, however, it is not currently setup to collect for the Works of Mercy Holy Hours
- Next Growing Disciples - no update from Fr. G since October
- Request from African Diocese - Fr. Christopher will be here 6-7 January to make appeal to St. Malachy
- Still looking for Parish Council members to "present" St. Malachy Christmas book to parishioners during Christmas mass.
- Fr. Pakula's house was SOLD, closing date expected Thursday, 30 November. Proceeds from the sale of the house will be used for school windows.
- PC bulletin inserts ready for review by PC - approved!
- Parish Mission:
 - Kevin and Fr. G met with rep from Stubenville, and committed to a Parish Mission beginning 3-5 November 2024
 - In coming months, task will be to get volunteers for the various Mission responsibilities.
- Coming up in March 2024 - Gospel of Mark challenge - "Three Friends and a Bible"
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner still tentatively planned for 20 January 2024
- Early phases of looking into replacing some of the flooring in the church sanctuary. Carpet is in rough shape and Fr. G is hoping to replace with hard floor, potentially tile.
- Stained glass windows:
 - Clarification on collecting - invitation to donate extended to parishioners to ensure that the project was not simply a product of a few people.
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Items from Council

- **Financial Report Becky Werner**

- Attended 9 November, collections down. Started collection basket again. Next Finance Council meeting end of January.
- **School Update Becky Werner**
 - Income was down significantly - especially in the Sunday Collection
 - Talking about passing the basket – have enough ushers to start again
 - Talking about having letter of yearly contribution form to parishioners – put in bulletin and flock note
 - Total collection under budget by \$30K YTD (July to Oct)
 - Move next meeting up to end of January to see how Christmas goes
 - 2023 ADA is off to a decent start with almost 42% of the goal pledged and almost 31% collected.
 - Getting report in November
 - Church Update - staff, projects, grants
 - Hiring school secretary
 - School Update - 2023/2024 Enrollment, tuition, % of total budget, grants
 - 123 enrollment – lose 2 students moving – possible 1 student
 - 114 last year – 112 prior
 - Wireless upgrade in summer – revenue of grants coming in
 - Become a net gain
 - Money from Geneseo communication will help to upgrade two boards
 - Capital Projects
 - Selling of house
 - School windows will be scheduled – sale of Fr. Pakula house will help cover cost
 - House sold this week
 - Talk about getting bids and move up flooring in church sooner
 - Stained window – most of it pledged for and will have more to share with parish this month
 - Gifford getting continued education with spiritual directing training and will start up going back to school
- **School Report Theresa Walck**
 - Christmas program beginning
- **Committee Report Council**
 - Reports expected from council members for February meeting
- **Council Retreat Theresa Walck**

- Two dates proposed: 24 February, 9 March. Decided on 25 March.

Future Meeting Date: January 22, 2023

Prayer leader for next meeting: Theresa Walck

Closing prayer: Kristin Wilson

Adjourned meeting: Motioned by Fr. Gifford, seconded by Brad Maas, approved. Minutes submitted by Brad Maas, subject to approval at the next meeting.