

Saint Malachy Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, 22 January 2024 (held remotely via Google Meet due to weather)

**Members Present:** Fr. Gifford, Becky Werner, Theresa Walck, Brad Maas, Jenna Freadhoff, Kathy Hanford, Kristin Wilson, Christina Pustejovsky, Robert O'Rourke, Julie Atwell, Jeremy Bries, Kevin Lillis, Brice Maertens

**Opening Prayer:** Theresa Walck

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from November meeting were emailed prior to the meeting. Motioned by Theresa Walck, seconded by Brad Maas for approval. All voted to approve minutes with noted corrections.

**Into His Likeness Fr. Gifford (Formed video, Episode 2: Not Perfect, But Chosen)**

### **Items of Interest / New Business Fr. Gifford**

#### **Stained Glass Windows**

- Currently ~92% to fundraising goals, expect completion of the windows by next Christmas
- Proposal from council members to hold a face-to-face session with parishioners who have concerns about the windows - Fr. Gifford to take under consideration

#### **Growing Disciples**

- Still on track for final decision(s) to be made by Pentecost 2024
- Priest assignments to follow the decision announcement(s)

#### **Parish Mission and Quads**

- In the process of searching for Parish Mission Coordinator, in addition to 8 other positions that would all be responsible for different aspects of coordinating the Parish Mission
- Mission dates: 3-5 November 2024

#### **Gospel of Mark Challenge in March: Three Friends and a Bible**

- Right in the middle of Lent - good!
- Three Step Journey:
  - Repent and believe in the Gospel
  - Dive into the good news
  - Embrace the cross
- Will finish just in time for Passion Tide
- Fr. Gifford requests that members of Council appear in one (or more) of the videos that Fr. Gifford plans to put together as part of "Three Friends and a Bible" video series

- Likely to move recording times to 6:30pm to better work with people's schedules

### **Flooring**

- Still considering the possibility/probability of updating/upgrading some of the flooring in the church sanctuary along with some maintenance investments in the baptistry
- Plan to postpone execution of the plan until the next fiscal year, when fund planning can be accounted for in the budget

### **Rectory Updates**

- Fr. Gifford currently living in the guest room, rectory updates are underway. Anticipate completion by April at the latest.
- Potential to instate Quarterly Capital Improvement summaries in the bulletin to provide regular updates on Rectory updates and all other ongoing investments/improvements

### **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

- Postponed to March 9, 2024
- Will start new RSVP process

### **Items from Council**

#### **Financial Report (Becky Werner)**

- No update for January, will have update for February meeting

#### **School Report (Theresa Walck)**

- Nothing

#### **Committee Report(s) (Council)**

- Brice Maertens:
  - Talked with Jennifer Higgins from Adult Bible Study. Currently having meetings twice/week. Leveraging Formed studies as part of the regular meetings.
  - Divorce Ministry - Shannon Carroll is currently leading this effort. Advertising this to other parishes and churches in the area. Meet Wednesday's 6:30pm in the conference room.
  - Rosary makers are meeting monthly to make rosaries for members of the parish.

#### **Council Retreat - Theresa Walck**

- Monday March 25, 2024. 5pm-9pm

**Future Meeting Date:** February 26, 2024

**Prayer leader for next meeting:** Kathy Hanford

**Closing prayer:** Theresa Walck

**Adjourned meeting:** Motioned by Brad Maas, seconded by Kathy Hanford, approved. Minutes submitted by Brad Maas, subject to approval at the next meeting.