

Saint Malachy Parish Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, 25 March 2024

**Members Present:** Theresa Walck, Brad Maas, Julie Atwell, Kevin Lillis, Deacon Robert, Brice Maertens, Kathy Hanford, Kristen Wilson, Brian Sebastian, Erik Brown, Jeremy Bries

**Opening Prayer:** Brice Maertens

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from February meeting were emailed prior to the meeting. Council reviewed the minutes and voted to approve.

### **Items of Interest - Fr. Gifford**

- Rectory update:
  - ~95% complete!
  - Fr. G considering doing a coffee/donuts (outside) and couple it with an “open house” to allow parishioners to tour the rectory and see the updates!
- Growing Disciples update
  - Encourage parishioners to go look at the Round 3 models (out on the website)
  - Pentecost Novena will come out from the diocese
- Parish Mission and Quads:
  - Fr. and Kevin/Julie have been having success with contacting individuals to get participation from parishioners!
- Gospel of Mark challenge went great! Was able to get >200 people to participate. Tentatively planning on Gospel of Luke challenge for March 2025.
- Preparing for school window overhaul - estimate early June for installation (5 week lead time)
- Stained Glass Window survey is out!
- Proposal from council: update parish website to make finding minutes from all committees/councils easier.
- Due for network server upgrade

Stained Glass Windows: Ms. Judy Kanke provided additional remarks.

Judy Kanke spoke about the stained glass windows and her concern over parishioners either not attending St. Malachy or leaving the parish entirely. Judy reiterated her feelings about the stained glass windows, asking that something be done to, “Fix it.”

Parish Council continued discussion after Judy left and agreed that the stained glass window decision is a topic of strong contention, but dissatisfaction among parishioners is likely rooted in other issues, not just the stained glass windows.

Discussion on what does, “*Fix it,*” actually mean?

- Does it mean fix the broken relationships?
- How do we do that?
- Consensus of Council, with Father’s approval, was that Parish Council members should reach out and gather *experiences* of those who have expressed dissatisfaction with the

goal of better understanding the current culture of the parish and hopefully move toward resolution.

**Items from Council**

Financial Report Becky Werner - postponed to next meeting

School Report Theresa Walck - Tim Smith is departing for another position, otherwise postponed to next meeting

Council Membership - possibly three council member terms are ending

Committee Report Council

**Future Meeting Date:** April 22, 2024 7pm

**Prayer Leader for next meeting:** Theresa Walck

**Closing Prayer:** Brice Maertens

**Adjourned meeting:** Motioned by Julie Atwell, seconded by Brad Maas. Minutes submitted by Brad Maas, subject to approval at the next meeting.