

Saint Malachy Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 29th, 2021

Members Present: Fr. Daniel Gifford (Pastor), Julie Atwell (Trustee), Jen Ulam (Chair), Sheila Henson (Vice Chair), Mark Kane, John Bean, Becky Werner (Secretary), Theresa Walck, Kevin Lillis (Trustee), Shannon Carroll, Robert O'Rourke (Ex Officio), Jim Schmedding

Opening Prayer: Sheila Henson led the Council in prayer to open the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: October 2021 Minutes were emailed for review to the Council prior to the meeting. Corrected spelling of name. 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:

Prayer service went well for Thanksgiving week – Saint Malachy parishioners had the most attendance and was a beautiful event with different communities.

Novena went well. The daily attendance was smaller than last year and no live stream asked for.

Altar and Rosary society put together the service after mass for breakfast with great attendance and was enjoyed by others.

Look into the new year to have more after mass beverage and donuts for members. No longer saying to leave after mass result in seeing more congregation. Slight limits of food control and guidelines.

Children liturgy asked to begin up again. Once a month at 10:30 mass will be a children's mass with the homily focused on preaching the homily in front and towards kids. Asking for families with children to sit more up front. Starting small still and not putting together a children choir yet although John would like more singers. On the other masses will have Children liturgy available for those to attend. Looking to have more structure from the adult volunteers. Include activities to go along with the lesson, given more planning and material. The children will be asked to join at the start of the readings with a blessing then return during the offertory. Will outreach to teens to assist but see on a rotation to also have the opportunity to hear the homily at mass. Survey available to look into which mass time would have attendance.

Resuming gift procession but not the offertory basket yet. Singles can also sing up to participate together, not always having to be a family. Sign up sheet still available in narthex along with opportunity to light the advent calendars. Looking to have everyone take the opportunity to reach out to others and not have the office in charge of scheduling. Ushers as a back up or to find a family to assist. Sign of peace starting up again with parishioners taking cues on hand shake.

Volunteer list currently has a small pool. Look into schedule once a year a training after mass for those who wish to sign up and learn. Ministry head to put together training and recruiting process. Looking into the time before each liturgical organized before reaching out.

Items from the Council:

Old Business:

Parish Christmas book was voted on for the Wisdom of Fulton Sheen. Ordered and will hand out before Christmas.

Committees – Reminder to reach out with leaders and at February meeting give updates

New Business:

Finance committee update - from Sheila Henson – Meeting on October 27th

Talked about not using postage machine to cut back on cost.

Father, school and church on the new computer system.

7th and 8th grade available in the school for future

Variable include how much enrollment would impact its sustainability

Phase it in if feasible and the right decision

Look into college student reach out in the semesters from the Parish. A homecoming with Oasis when visiting home, give care baskets. Darci to look into opportunities.

Watched Formed: Parish Renewal

Why the parish? – Chapter 3

Catholics see the cultural inertia. Is it a hopeless cause? There is great missionary opportunity to bear fruit in the church. Pope John mentioned 40 years ago to see a new evangelization. 95% of Catholics mediated through local church so the focus would be to renew these parishes. All of this infrastructure already set up with missionaries. Example is how HGTV show with the Gaines led to everyone wanting to then move to Waco, Texas. It has good bones and the show revitalized it. Similar to parishes as we have a good church history. Renewal through the heart of the church is to go from repurpose to mission. Closed up and so many ended up just stopping to go to church. There needs to be more of an outreach and reenergize those who are here already.

Next Meeting:

Holding off on scheduling a meeting time with Alleman. Ideas of reaching out to Darci and Kim along with CCD contact to get feedback on youth needs.

Sister parish is kept in touch with by the social justice committee and see what is going on. Mike Sigwalt has been the one in touch and set it up. Reach out to Mike to see if can get a meeting set up by zoom for January meeting.

Future Meeting Dates Revised: (Every 4. Monday in the Youth Room at 7 PM)

No meeting in December

January 24

February 28

March 28

April 25

May 23

Liturgist for Next Meeting: Shannon Carroll

Closing Prayer: Shiela Henson led the Council in prayer to close the meeting.

Adjourned meeting: Motioned by John Bean, second by Theresa Walck

Minutes respectfully submitted by Becky Werner (Secretary) and subject to approval at the next meeting **Parish Council Assignments 2021**