

**St. Patrick's Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2018**

Members present: Fr. Pete, Bill Diedrich, Meg Sprick, Lea Sexton, Deacon David Dose, Jenny Dieterman, Jerry Ott, Maria Schultz

Guest: Deacon Kevin Downie, Sales Rep of Catholic United Financial (CUF)

Deacon David led opening prayer

Leader: Bill Diedrich, Observer: Jennie, Timekeeper: Jerry, Recorder: Maria

The meeting began by introducing the guest to all members of the council.

Meeting agenda approved by all.

Minutes of October 11, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

Catholic United Financial (CUF) Presentation: Deacon Kevin Downie, representative of CUF, gave a summary of the many benefits of CUF for individuals and parishes. There are many ways to raise funds by partnering with CUF. By forming a Parish Volunteer Team (PVT) all of the current fundraising activities at SP could qualify to receive funds. A PVT consists of five volunteers who are CUF members. It is quite easy to become a member with a minimal financial investment. After further discussion, the council agreed to go forward and begin working with Deacon Kevin on forming a PVT.

Faith Formation Update: First Communion will be Sunday, April 15. Bibles will be given to the 7<sup>th</sup> graders. There is one student interested in attending the Lifeline Youth Mass at the NET Center (St. Paul). Maria will connect this student with those from St. Mary's who also may be interested in attending.

Faith Formation Committee: The Faith Formation Committee was asked by the Fundraising Committee to take over the Fall dance as it has been a significant fundraiser for our faith formation program. The dance will be held at Millville American Legion from 7-11 PM on a Sat. October 27. We hope to have CareFree Family Carnival (Joe Roemer) for the games. Costume contest will be at 8PM. A worker sign-up chart will be posted in the fall to encourage everyone to volunteer.

Liturgy/Sunday Experience: Lent was the focus of discussion. The rosary will be prayed before Mass on Sundays; students will be encouraged to do living stations; there will be time for prayer 'with Jesus in the garden' on Holy Thursday from 8:00 PM – 12 Noon Good Friday. A baptism checklist is being created; Baptismal packages will be given to new parents with the help of parish partners. "Explaining God's Word" will continue to be distributed to Sunday classes.

“Sunday to Sunday” Bible Study will be offered after Mass beginning Feb. 11. Next meeting is scheduled for April 18 at 7:00 PM at the Dose residence and the focus will be hospitality and welcoming of visitors and new members.

Sound System in Church: Sim Sound came on January 30, but unfortunately there were technical difficulties and the sound system test had to be rescheduled to February 28 at 5:00 PM.

Fundraising: Deacon David reported the pancake breakfast will be a free will offering held on Sunday, February 4 with proceeds going to Cemetery Association.

Thrivent Financial Fundraising Opportunities: Meg shared that they have an on-line application that any Thrivent customer can fill out to get help with cost of projects. It is a charity project for Thrivent and \$250 gift certificates are given if accepted. Catholic Financial also has Choice Dollars that can be applied for. It might be a way to help pay for the Prayer Garden.

Pastor’s Report: Father noted that there will be only four Masses on Wednesdays during Lent. Both parishes will participate in the Liturgy for Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday vigil.

Upcoming Calendar Events: Hold the date: Men’s conference at Lourdes High School, Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Anything Else: Discussion of how to invite Confirmation students to participate in council meetings. Kendra and Angie will be consulted on how to invite young people to be guests at upcoming council meetings.

Next Joint Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2018 **at SP**; Mass at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM

Next Meeting: St. Patrick’s Thursday, April 12, 2018. Leader: Bill D. Prayer: Deacon David

Observations: We covered a lot. We began with prayer and welcomed Deacon Kevin. Faith Formation Committee is doing a lot. There is good information. Catholic United Financial sounds like something we want to pursue. We continue to look for ways to get youth more involved.

Deacon Dave led the closing prayer and gave a blessing.