

St. Patrick's Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2018

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

Absent: Jenny Dieterman, Jerry Ott

Guests: Angie Harmon, Kendra Kismer, Dennis Makoutz

Deacon David led opening prayer

Leader: Bill; Observer: Lea; Timekeeper: Meg; Recorder: Maria

Meeting agenda was approved after the additions of "Building Hall Rental and Mother's Day Roses"

Minutes of February 1, 2018 were reviewed and approved.

Faith Formation Update: First Communion will be Sunday, April 15. There are five children this year and they will each receive "The Catholic Prayer Book for Children."

Graduation Mass will be Sunday, May 20 and each graduate will receive "God's Promises For Graduates." The graduates will wear their cap and gown and say a few words about their future life plans. Betty Cronin will coordinate the coffee and donuts. Maria will provide information cards for each graduate to complete and be sent to the Newman Center where they will attend college.

Kendra will contact Father to schedule a meeting in the near future to give an update on the overall progress of the Faith Formation program.

Faith Formation Committee: Plans continue to move forward for the Fall Dance. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be in the church. The American Legion hall and the DJ have been reserved for Saturday, October 27. The dance will be from 7:00-10:00 PM followed by clean up and the best costume contest will begin about 8:00 PM.

New Members for Parish Council

Father will contact the parishioners who expressed interest on "Sign-up Sunday" in being a member of the council. There are currently two open positions. It was suggested that a high school student be considered.

Liturgy/Sunday Experience: The Sunday liturgies continue to improve with more participation from parishioners. The next meeting is scheduled for April 25 at 7:00 PM at the parish hall and the focus will be hospitality and welcoming of visitors and new members.

Sound System in Church: Sim Sound came to test the sound system on February 28. A second bid was also pursued and obtained. This would enable the parish to compare and determine the best solution. After investigating both options, it was determined to go with Sim Sound. Since the purchase amount is over \$10,000, approval from the DOW is required and currently being pursued.

Church Safety and Security: There will be a presentation on Church Safety and Security at St. Mary's on Thursday, April 26. Volunteers are needed to attend the presentation and follow up with specific safety measures at each parish. Deacon Dave will announce at Mass and sign-up sheet is available. Bill Diedrich, Deacon Dave and Kendra Walker will attend the presentation. Questions to ask at the presentation include how to get cell phone service for emergencies; perhaps activate the cell tower located nearby.

St. Patrick PVT (Formerly Fundraising Committee): The 5th and 6th grade class service project this year was to learn more about Feed My Starving Children. Cate Sprout, local coordinator gave a presentation that included tasting the food that is prepared and delivered to those in need. The proceeds from the pancake breakfast held Sunday, April 8 will be donated to FMSC.

Meg gave an outline of upcoming events and which grants will be requested from Catholic United Financial: June Pancake Breakfast - Service Grant (up to \$500) for the Prayer Garden; Fall Dance – Family Grant (up to \$500); Fall Chicken BBQ – Matching Grant (up to \$1000). We are still looking for opportunities for the Faith Grant (up to \$500).

Hall Rental: Deacon Dave received a request from a homeschooling group to rent the church hall on a weekly basis from September-April. Due to reasons of lack of cell phone service, no one present onsite, and other insurance concerns, it was decided to refer the homeschooling group to St. Mary of the Lake.

Upcoming Calendar Events:

- a. First Communion – Sunday, April 15 at 8:00 AM
- b. Chicken Barbecue – Sunday, April 29
- c. St. Mary's – First Communion – Sunday, April 15 at 10:00 AM
- d. St. Mary's Pizza and Movie- "God's Not Dead" – Sunday, April 29 at 11:30
- e. St. Mary's Pulled Pork Lunch – Friday, May 4 from 11-4 (100-mile garage sales)
- f. Confirmation – Saturday, October 6, 2018-Bishop Harrington
- g. Father Pete Retirement celebrations – June 10 at SM and June 24 at SP
- h. Registry for Father Pete Retirement: Target.com and Bed Bath and Beyond: see link on website and bulletin

Anything Else: It was decided to purchase flowers for Mother's Day. The Parish Council members will coordinate all the details and give flowers to all women on Sunday, May 13 before Mass.

Next Joint Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, May 24, 2018 **at SP**; Mass at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM

Next Meeting: St. Patrick's Thursday, October 11, 2018. Leader: Bill D. Prayer: Deacon David

Observations: We discussed a lot. Faith Formation is doing great things; everyone had good input. The process of the PVT was clarified; it's possible that a high school student may be on the council; all is good; love being part of this group and praying together.

Deacon Dave led the closing prayer and gave a blessing.