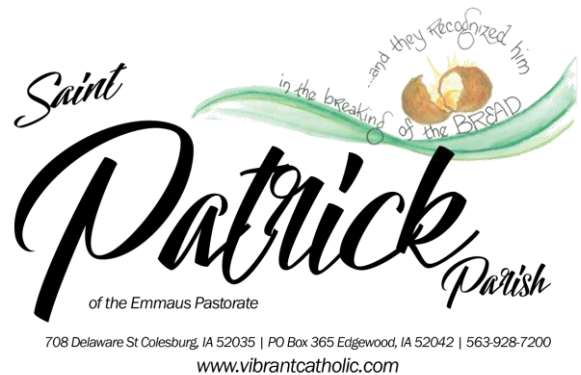


St Patrick Parish Council Meeting September 24th 2019

Held joint meeting at Sacred Heart basement
Volga Iowa

Present were Sandy Klaus, John Wessel,
Dean and Rosalee Boeckenstedt, Deanne
Wulfekuhle and Carol Steger



We discussed as a joint meeting with Sacred Heart Council on the issue of future council meetings. It was decided, subject to approval from Father John and other councils, to meet every other month on the fourth Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM at the St Mark's Parish Center. This was to make it easier for Father and all were available for that time. This would start November 26, 2019, and continue on January 28,, 2020, March 24, 2020 and May 26, 2020.

There was a discussion on publishing a monthly financial update in the bulletin. The actual income would be used and there were several suggestions as how to publish the monthly expenses. Some wanted the average monthly expense used rather than actual expense as some months would have an excess income and some months would have a deficit due to large bills such as insurance and taxes. It was also suggested to use year to date figures. This was tabled and to be taken up with Father John by Sandy Klaus.

St Patrick Agenda Items:

Safety Inspection

Dean and Sandy went through an inspection of the church property by a representative of the Archdiocese and passed on most issues. Dean has already taken care of a water heater valve issue. The TV needs to be bolted down and they found that could be done with straps easily. The cracks in the sidewalk will need to have yellow stripes painted by them as a warning to others.

Goals-how are we doing

Everyone agreed we were doing well on all three goals and will work more on the third.

By June 1st publish a monthly parish newsletter to increase communication between leadership and parishioners *This was started May 2019 and going well. Deanne is taking care of sending them out at the first of the month.*

By December 1, 2019 we will build a new parish center to increase parish outreach and parishioner involvement. *The building is coming along and will be ready in November for the Brown's 60th wedding anniversary party.*

By September 2020 we will visit the homebound as measured by the number of visits made in a year to increase parish concern.

We have a spreadsheet in Flocknotes naming those in homes, updates, and when was the last time they were visited. We need to get more people involved in this. Deanne and Faith Formation kids are going to the Edgewood Home to play bingo with the residents. Janet Nadermann agreed to send birthday cards to our elderly if we can obtain their birth dates.

Survey

A general survey will be mailed out to all parishioners the last week of October and will also be available online on the website. Their name can be added or left off. It is to pull information to determine faith life and use the demographics for future use. This will be done again in a year to see if there is any change. Have we Gone Deeper?

Hospitality-plans for the year

Jill Settle from Parish Life would be happy to have coffee, juice and donuts on October 20th after mass. Bob and Janet Brown will be having a catered breakfast for their 60th anniversary in November in the new building. Deanne and Faith Formation will have abreakfast casseroles on December 29th. She also has cookies for Valentines in February. More to be planned later.

Parish fund raisers-John Wessel would like to do a steak fry in the fall and will check into available dates. We want to do a fish fry during Lent and need to verify the dates other parishes already have one planned. Friday March 13, 2020 was suggested for ours. Parish Life have some ideas, maybe a chili cookoff. Dad's Waffles breakfasts have been done in other parishes and are successful.

The Mormanns-Sarah and Jamie have indicated they would like to take the lead on these type of events. We would need to do a lot of publicity, in the Witness and local papers.

Time and Talent

All of those submitted have been entered into an app in Flocknotes by Sandy Klaus. There was a good response and lots of volunteers for helping at events. When all parishes have completed them, the lists of names will be provided to the proper parish leaders to contact the people and continue training or get them involved.

Annual Report

Joyce Whelan is working on the annual parish report. This is not a financial report but summary of parish activities from the past year.

Finance Report

Sandy submitted a current financial statement from July 2019 to September 18th. The Capital Campaign figures were broken down to \$100,000. donated cash and \$ 70,000. as a loan from the Archdiocese. Deanne said the Scrip sales have been very good.

Building Update

Dean brought us up to date. Plastering is being done this week and painting would be next. Diane Domeyer will paint the bathrooms and Dean has someone hired to paint the ceiling. There was a discussion on purchasing tables and chairs for the building. This was a take away to be checked into further. Deanne has tables and chairs to donate.

John is checking into counter tops. The division between stools and all cabinets will come after painting is done.

Parish Center Rental/Fees/ Promotions/ Advertising

Sandy had submitted a possible rental agreement and fees. There was discussion as to whether to charge the same fees for parishioners and non-parishioners. It was suggested to charge a flat fee and deposit. This is also subject to further discussion and approval. It was decided we do need to start to promote and advertise our parish center.

Other Council Issues

Carol Steger said the next Pay It Forward collection of cash on October 20th will go to the Craig Wulfekuhle family after his explosion accident on the farm. Deanne has contacted Karen and they will humbly accept the donation.

Carol also announced we are planning four study sessions in November and will try to find a time and use the new parish center. The topic will be How did we get where we are—the Vatican Council changes. This will not be done at the Tuesday coffee hospitality.

Submitted by Carol Steger