

St. Patrick Pastoral Council Meeting
St. Patrick CCD Center February 21, 2019
Time: 7:00

Council Members Present: Donna Prier, Gina Schulte, Sharri Wenger, Mary Jo Eike, Joellyn Helmrich, Matt Price, David O'Brien, Monica Kehrli, Jane Quint, Joyce Lux, Lynn Ryan

Visitors Present: Doris McEvoy

Members Excused: Christy Kunze (Faith Formation)

Youth Representative Excused: Hannah Wenger

Staff Present: Lori Cole, Father Gabriel Anderson

Meeting was called to order by Gina Schulte. The Promise and Mission Statement was read by Matt Price. Minutes of the November meeting were approved by Monica Kehrli and seconded by David O'Brien.

New Business:

Charitable Donation: Doris McEvoy's brother, Daniel Till, is leaving a charitable trust and Doris is requesting estimates on having the sidewalks, steps, and driveway replaced. She is also considering donating towards the repair of the skylight's outer roof, repairs to the west porch of the rectory, repairs to the bells, contribution to the cemetery project, and other miscellaneous projects in the parish. The parish is very blessed to be the recipient of such a generous and kind gift. THANK YOU DORIS!

Parish Council Elections in May: Being a part of the Parish Council entails attending four meetings a year and making decisions for the betterment of our parish. Being a part of the Council is not a huge commitment and very rewarding. St. Patrick's continues to be a great parish because of its leadership. If you would like to have your name on the ballot in May please contact Gina Schulte.

Lay Empowerment: The future of our parish will require us to empower our parishioners to use their talents for the church. We need to look to the future and be prepared to have parishioners ready to fill the needs at 8:00 mass on Sunday morning. We need people willing to lead prayer services, lead the music, be eucharistic ministers, lectors, servers, etc. The more involved we can be the stronger our parish will be. We need to work very hard to encourage our young parishioners to feel welcome and to fill some of these roles that will help us build our future.

Preliminary Budget: To date, giving is down a bit, but the Gala continues to be a huge part of our budget, along with other donations.

Gym Scheduling/Rental: A meeting is scheduled to review our current hall rental policy to determine if we need to update our rental prices and how we can do a better job of advertising our rental policy and prices.

Old Business:

Pictorial Directory Dates: The dates for the Parish Pictorial will be August 15th – 17th (Thursday – Saturday). The Pictorial will contain our family photos, photos of activities in our parish, historical photos of our parish, information on Vision 2030, and information on our St. Patrick namesake. This is planned to be both an in-hand book and a digital pictorial. This will not just be a book of family photos, it will be a book containing the hearts of our parish. We are tentatively planning for a Sunday in April where parishioners could gather together to build the history and pictures.

Cemetery Beautification: Funds have been donated for over 100 trees and for repairing some of the deteriorating graves. The board is also researching the replacement of the fence on the west side, possibly adding benches, repaving the driveway. Donations can be put in the collection or can be sent to Diane McElliott. Everyone is very excited and thankful for this project.

Hall/Bathroom Renovation: The bar and bathrooms in the hall are now completed and look wonderful! The project even came in under budget. Great job to all involved! The parish thanks you!

Financial Committee: Giving is down a bit this year but that appears to be the case with most giving this year. Fortunately, St. Patrick's always comes through. Good news, some taxes we pay did go down this year.

Financial Report:

Savings Accounts

Gen.	Mem.	Bldg.	Holding	Endowment	SPSOR	TOTAL
\$48,860.54	\$21,403.44	\$4,518.17	\$3,918.85	\$36,944.80	\$269.45	\$115,915,25

Decorating Committee: Once again many parishioners supported the beautiful Christmas decorations by donating in memory of a loved one. All agreed, the church looked beautiful for Christmas. This year's donations will be used throughout the year for various holidays. Because St. Patrick's Day this year falls on Sunday, we will invite everyone to dress in green, we hope to have Irish music. The church will be decorated for the occasion and there will be Lion's Club Breakfast after mass.

Business Manager: Father will celebrate 30 years on June 24, 2019.

Pastor Comments: Father reiterated how great of a parish we are. He wants us to continue to grow into the future. He stated this is such a great area with a lot of great people. Father shared with us his history, what a wonderful and amazing story! He told us that some men have arrived here from Puerto Rico, our parish would like to make them feel welcome and invite them to a breakfast.

Gala Committee: The Gala raised around \$26,500. This is a phenomenal fundraiser, and everyone had a fabulous evening of great food, music, and fellowship. GREAT JOB GALA COMMITTEE!!!!

Faith Formation: A lot of things going on for the summer educational opportunities.

Building and Grounds: David O'Brien is researching options for replacing the halls locks. An upcoming meeting is scheduled with the Hall Coordinator and others to discuss best options and how to handle the "town walkers" who would like to have access to the hall. For now, we are tabling additional Handicap Parking. A set of keys will be possessed by a trusted parishioner, the Parish Chairperson, and the Building and Ground Chairperson. A closet was put into the men's room in the hall. The skylight bulbs in the church are from the initial building of the church, the plan is to upgrade these lights to LED light. We have money in building and equipment fund to cover the cost.

Social Circle: Jessica Recker has joined the Social Circle. Thanks to all members of the Social Circle. They are working to plan the annual Fish Fry, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.

Cluster Pastoral Council Report: The Pictorial directory and Vision for the future was discussed.

Cares and Concerns: This committee would love more members, to help empower them to reach out and help more people.

Liturgy Committee: The meeting was held by St. Mary's only, because of weather. They will meet April 4th.

Mass Time Committee Report: Ryan would like to have Sunday morning at 8:00 year round.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus and The Closing Prayer was recited. The next meeting is Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharri Wenger, Secretary