

St. Patrick Pastoral Council Meeting
St. Patrick Religious Education Center February 13, 2020
Time 6:30 PM

Council Members Present: Christy Kunze (FFC), Joyce Lux (Finance), Mary Jo Eike (Finance), Joellyn Helmrich (Finance), Elizabeth Feldman (SC), Al Nachtman, David O'Brien, Maureen McEvoy, Jane Quint

Members Absent: Matt Price, Monica Kehrli, Lynne Ryan

Staff Present: Lori Cole, Father Gabriel Anderson

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by David O'Brien. The opening prayer was recited by all. Minutes of the November 19th meeting were reviewed. Motion by Maureen and seconded by David. Motion approved.

Parish Vision/Mission

Faith Formation

New Business:

Review of Religious Education Classes was provided. We currently have 3 catechists serving 8 elementary students at the St. Patrick Religious Education Center. The curriculum is based on recommendations and requirements from the Archdiocese.

Children / families have options to choose from to complete their religious education requirement:

- Attend the 22 sessions a year

- Participate in Totus Tutus for 5 days during the summer

- Participate in an "At Home" Learning program

- Combination of the above to meet the required hours of education in a year

Stewardship

New Business:

Bruce Quint has been a contracted employee covering for Al Burkle while he has been out on medical leave. Bruce informed members of the Council that he would like to be done with this role by March 1st.

Lori will place an announcement in the bulletin to inform individuals that we are looking for some additional help to cover Al.

Utility bills for the parish hall were reviewed. Discussion held on ways to possibly lower the utility costs and improve efficiency. No decisions were made.

Parish Hall Rental Agreement reviewed. Council members discussed the current rental fees. Motion was made by Maureen to increase the parish hall rental for parishioner wedding to \$250.00 and for a non-parishioner to \$450.00. Seconded by Jane. Motion approved.

Parish elections will take place in May. Matt Price and Lynn Ryan terms are both up. If you know of individuals who may be interested in being on the Parish Council, please have them contact Lori or Father.

Joyce Lux, Mary Jo Eike and Joellyn Helmrich all agreed to being appointed for another term on the Finance Committee

Old Business:

Hall Coordinator Job Description reviewed. Motion made by Joyce and second by David to approve the job description. Council members asked that the information about the parish hall be shared with surrounding communities to increase usage.

Lori has asked each parish to develop a wish list of items (and cost associated with them) that they are in need of. She will keep this list at the parish office as a reference and have it printed in the upcoming bulletin. Items that the Council identified for the wish list include:

- New roof on the church

- Replace wooden doors in the east entry of the church

- Repair / replace pews

- 2 wooden handrails going up the alter steps

- Entrance sign at the east entry of the church

- Replace basement windows in the hall

- Electronic lock for the south hall door

- Extend asphalt driveway at the cemetery to go along the north edge of the property

Council members in agreement to make envelopes labeled “St. Patrick’s Roof Project” and have them placed in the pews to encourage parishioners to donate to this cause. We will start this fund raiser once Matt and Dave have completed getting the bid for the roof project.

Sunday Mass Enhancement

Kay Burke and Marcia Banyas will be in charge of decorating the church.

Father Gabriel will provide additional education to parishioners on the education endowment fund that has been established as another means to support the parish.

Vocations

No new business to report

Financial Report:

Savings Accounts

General	Memorial	Building & Equipment	Holding	Endowment	St. Paul School of Rel	Total
\$49,102.84	\$21,509.58	\$4,540.58	\$3,938.29	\$33,201.01	\$270.79	\$112,563.09

Preliminary 2020-2021 budget was reviewed. This will be finalized in May.

Committee Reports:

Gala Committee: Gala held on February 8, 2020 was a huge success. Many thanks to all the committee members for their hard work. The Gala raised \$30,050. Matching funds of \$1500.00 from the Catholic Order of Foresters will be given to the cemetery for continued improvements. The Gala date for next year has already been set February 6, 2021.

Faith Formation Commission: Meeting minutes from Nov. 14, 2019 enclosed. Christy provided an overview of the Totus Tutus program. The date for this summer has already been set - June 22-26, 2020.

Buildings and Grounds: The concrete work will resume in the spring once the frost is gone.

Discussion continued regarding the church roof. Matt and David will continue moving forward to seek bids.

The new lighting under the crucifix has been completed.

Discussion held on the weakness and breakdown of some of the pews. Lial has been reinforcing these as needed.

Social Circle: The Fish Fry will be held April 10, 2020. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 11, 2020.

Social Circle purchased a projector and screen that will be able to be rented for events in the parish hall. The Council asks that a separate damage deposit be placed when utilizing these electronics.

Cluster Council: Across the Blessed Trinity Cluster we will be focusing on being more visionary. The archdiocese has 4 main goals:

- 1) Teach the Catholic Faith
- 2) Mass enhancement – focusing on people understanding and participating. Connecting better with the people.
- 3) Stewardship: Teach people to use God’s gifts.
- 4) Personal Vocation: How has God called us?

Next meeting will be February 27, 2020

Cares and Concerns: No Report

Liturgy: Cluster Mission is in March. St. Patrick’s moves to Saturday evening mass the month of March.

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 21, 2020 at the Religious Education Center

Closing Prayer recited by all.

Adjournment: Consensus at 8:23 PM

Submitted by:

Maureen McEvoy, Secretary