

**Church of St Patrick**  
**Parish Council**  
**MINUTES: August 12, 2021**

**Members present:** Father Kuss, Liz Gerlach, Roseanne Strand, Mike Weibel, Terry Kapsen, Tom Beutell, Julie Schnell, Liesel Gutierrez and Grace Hansen

**Members present** via ZOOM: Jim Swanke, Bill Schnobrich

**Missing:** Allison Schmidt

**7:00 PM Call to order – Liz Gerlach, Chair**

**July 22 Minutes Meetings Approved**

**Prayer for St. Patrick's – Father Kuss**

**Purpose, topics and input from Parish Council**

- Asking for more open discussion on future-focused topics for the Parish. Each Council member is asked to seek feedback from others in their circle and representative community. The goal is to provide Father a broader perspective from the St Patrick's community.
- **Topics that need Parish input**
  - Social Justice definition, currently Coban and Risen Christ supported
    - Is it local, statewide? What are the needs we are meeting
  - Capital Campaign review
  - December reassess Mass schedule change
  - Garage Sale assessment
  - Adult Faith Formation needs
  - Catholic speakers
  - Welcoming new parishioners
  - Father Kuss share an article, "What is a Dynamic Parish" how do we engage and build a path forward as a community
- **Event ideas:** November - spaghetti dinner or game night, December - New Year's Eve event, January - possible breakfast, February - Shrove breakfast before the start of Lent, March - St Patrick's Day Celebration, April - Seder meal or movie night, May – Confirmation Celebration

**Community Life Coordinator Position: (Bill S)**

- Job posted for three weeks seeking additional candidates

### **October 2, Gala Update** (Roseanne S and Julie S)

- Collection of 'experience' gifts is going well, i.e., boat ride on Lake Minnetonka with dinner, MOA, Science Museum, getaway weekends.
- Opening registration and looking forward to opening prizes for bidding before the event
- Printed invites are sent, and Celtic Chronicles will allow for immediate registration.

### **Mass Schedule Communication September 12 starts – 10 AM and 5 PM.**

- Mass times were communicated to the Parish and have gone well.
- Sunday, 5 PM mass Father is working with Ben on how to create a way for younger families to meet and engage

### **Mass Participation**

- Father Kuss shared discussion is in the process of returning Lectures (Tim Smith), Ushers (Dave Kessler), and Servers (Tim Smith) to the Mass post-COVID.
  - Confirmation students will have the opportunity to act as Ushers and Lectures.
  - Sacristans will not be utilized at this time.

### **Hospitality**

- Hospitality includes greeters, welcoming new parishioners before/after Mass, ushers, collection, and ongoing welcoming parishioners into the Parish (outside of Mass).
- Short term; Bill S – shared hospitality (coffee/donuts) will be served once a month starting August 29 on the last Sunday of each month after the 10 AM mass. In the short term, the Staff will host until the plan/process is determined.
- Further consideration is needed on the process and definition of hospitality

**The Parish Council secretary position is still open and seeking candidates to fill the positions.**

### **Upcoming Events and Activities:**

- **Garage Sale:** September 8-11
- **Marian Plaza Music:** Thursday, August 19 starting at 6:00 PM
- **Fall Gala:** October 2, registration is open
- **Faith Formation:** Starts the week of September 12
- **Sunday, September 12, 2021,** beginning new mass schedule of the 10 AM mass time
- **Wednesday, September 15:** Faith Formation begins

**Upcoming 9/16 Agenda:** seeking input from Parishioners on Catholic speakers, what is social justice for St Patrick's, what is hospitality for St Patrick's? and report out of Capital Campaign report (Bill S and Jim S)

### **8:00 PM Adjournment**

**Next Meeting – October 14, 2021, 7 PM – 8 PM**

**Respectfully submitted by Liz Gerlach.**