

# Church of St Patrick

## Parish Council

### Meeting July 22, 2021

Members present: Father Kuss, Liz Gerlach, Roseanne Strand, Mike Weibel, Allison Schmidt, Terry Kapsen and Tom Beutell

Members present via ZOOM: Grace Hansen, Jim Swanke, Bill Schnobrich

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

Prayer for St. Patrick's – Father Kuss

#### **Faith Formation:**

##### **Flipping the Classroom Curriculum for K-7 grades**

- Father Kuss is extremely enthused as a new way of teaching Faith Formation. Having observed two years of the current program. Also, a new time to reassess with two new Faith Formation Staff Members/Leaders in place, Cynthia Brios and Ben Tlougan
- A new and different way catechizing – there would two parts students works at home (virtual classroom) with the parent and learns the classroom lesson at St Pats.
- Student comes for 1 ½ hours in person to St Pats, 2 times a month
- Father Kuss watched the presentation, and it does two things; 1) Provides the Catechesis 2) Brings the class of students together to learn. Father Kuss confirmed Cynthia would be teaching
- Cynthia will preview and get input from her K-7 Faith Committee and from parents
- Cynthia will be able to monitor students' progression as well as teaching and rotating different grade levels every week. There would be a request to have multiple parents would in the classroom for safety reasons
- **Sunday, September 12, 2021**, Outdoor mass, to kick-off the Faith Formation Season, extending the invite to the entire Parish
- **Wednesday, September 15:** Faith Formation Begins, registration will be open beginning of August

#### **Catholic Cross Outreach**

- Father Kuss shared an opportunity with Catholic Cross Outreach. It is a faith formation program for families and individuals in the parish to participate in mission work for other countries and locally.
- Catholic Cross Outreach provides a list of supplies needed; the cost of the box is ~\$9. Examples of what is in the box are education supplies like pencils, paper, etc.
- Father Kuss shared further discission is needed determining who it would be for and where donations will be sent.

#### **Liturgy of the Word**

- Father Kuss shared parents of the parish have strongly desired Liturgy of the Word for children from Pre-K – 2nd grade, which he is willing explore for a trial period to determine participation and interest. The trial period will occur during the Advent Season starting at end of November and continuing to the end of December.

- Parents would be signing up for their children to participate. Cynthia B would lead the Liturgy of Word Pre-K. He also said it will be on the Sunday mass at 10 a.m.
- Liz Gerlach asked, and Father Kuss stated that nothing is needed from the Parish Council at this time for the Flipping of the Classroom, he only wanted them to be aware and get your input.

#### **Faith Formation 8-12 grades:**

- Allison Schmidt will be Faith Formation representative for grades 8-12. There will be an additional K-7 representative that will be added to the Parish Council.
- Father Kuss shared that Ben has started a Summer High School “Chosen Series” for the 8-12 program on Wednesday evenings. Attendance is low, but it is summer.
- Ben T is currently reviewing retreats, trips, and Compass for the upcoming year.
- With Allison’s input, Father Kuss would like to better understand what the Faith Formation committee has done in the past and what guidance has been provided.
- Father Kuss shared that the South Dakota Mission Trip was successful and important to the children; they were both excited and exhausted.

#### **Fall Gala Update – October 2, 2021**

- Roseanne Strand shared that she, Julie Schnell, and George Strand are the planning committee for the Fall Gala.
- Roseanne S said the theme is “Come for the Experience”. All the auction items will be based upon experiences. Examples are trips, dinners, Twins games, etc. People are looking for things “money can’t buy”.
- Roseanne S asked If anyone has a fun auction idea/experience to suggest or offer- please reach out to her as they are seeking additional auction items.

#### **Mass Schedules:**

(Continued discussion from the last two Parish Council Meetings) Liz Gerlach shared that input came from all and after reviewing with youth, parents, and parishioners the following will most likely be the future Mass schedule:

- No changes for the Saturday 5 p.m. mass or daily 8 a.m. masses. The discussion focused on the Sunday mass schedule with options of a 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. masses or changing to a single 10 a.m. mass.
- Related to a Sunday 10 a.m. vs. 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. – Mike W shared that he likes the idea of community and would like to see the church fuller with more parishioners attending mass together. Roseanne said that from her reaching out to parishioners, that a 10 a.m. Sunday mass would be desirable.
- Father Kuss further asked if Sunday 5 p.m., during the school year, should it be in Church or Chapel? Pre-Covid Sundays the 5 p.m. Chapel was full and pos-Covid has only ~50 attendees. Father Kuss commented that ~125 can attend mass in the Chapel, which can feel claustrophobic. He said that the Chapel does not really allow for a large group of people plus the music leaders.
- Liz Gerlach said that others indicated that the Chapel feels like more of a community and contemporary mass from the feedback she received. She also shared it would give Ben T a chance to reintroduce the mass for the Faith Formation community. She also shared moving the mass to 10 a.m. and keeping Sunday, 5 p.m. meets the needs of all age groups
- Terry K shared he likes the idea of broadening the audience, to have 5 p.m. Sunday mass in the Church.

- Tom B raised the questions, if there is consolidation of the 9 a.m. mass and 11 a.m. to a single 10 a.m. mass, would there be a bump in attendance? What is the average age of the 5 p.m. Sunday mass – all ages?
- Grace H commented on proposed mass times that she is looking forward to the return of the 5 p.m. Sunday mass.
- Father confirmed that he can work with the mass times of: Saturday, 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m., and during the school year, Sunday, 5 p.m.

**Parish Council Recruitment Status**

- Liz Gerlach shared the Parish Council Committee assignments and discussed the need candidates for Secretary and asked that candidates named be shared with her and Father Kuss.
- Bylaws and Constitution Follow Ups: Father indicated that the Trustees need to sign the Bylaws and Constitution and submit them to the Archdiocese – this will need to be completed within the month.
- Roseanne S shared that John Ratelle and Ben C would be interested in co-chairing the Men’s Group Representative and Father Kuss shared he is aligned with the idea given the multiple events.
- Tom B – noticed there was not a specific Facilities committee, Tom offered to contribute to this area and operations. Tom is following up with Bill S (?) to provide insights on what would be helpful.

Chair	Liz Gerlach
Vice Chair	Terry Kapsen
Secretary	<b>OPEN</b>
Finance Council Representative	Jim Swanke
Women’s Council & Guilds	Grace Hanson
Men’s Group	Roseanne shared a potential candidate
Pastoral Council	Tom Beutell
Liturgy Committee	Julie Schnell
Faith Formation Representative	Allison Schmidt
Members at Large (2)	Liesel Gutierrez, Mike Weibel
Parish Staff Representative	Bill Schnobrich
Pastor Appointee	Roseanne Strand

**Upcoming Events and Activities:**

- **Happy Hour at Rectory Tuesday Evenings:** Postcard invites have started and will continue to be sent out to homes for 7:00PM – 8:30PM gatherings.
- **Women’s Guilds Gatherings:** Father Kuss is scheduled to host (2) of the Guilds in July and August
- **Men’s Softball Games:** Monday evenings at Our Lady of Grace fields
- **Exposition and Music on the Green:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays; next gatherings will be August 6th
- **Marian Plaza Music:** Thursday, August 19 starting at 6:00PM
- **Fall Gala:** October 2; Roseanne Strand and family will start to organize this event
- **Garage Sale:** September 8-11

- Grace Hanson stated there are over 170 volunteers signed up, furniture donations are being picked up currently, and everything is going very well.
- Father Kuss shared the Parish garage was cleaned out and furniture donations were able to be taken early.
- **Faith Formation:** Starting week of September 12
- **Next Parish Council Meeting:** Thursday, August 12, 2021

**Bill Schnobrich Grounds Update:**

- Bill shared that the west side of the Celtic Center was power washed and two weeks ago, 11 trees were removed from the Parish grounds due to a fungus.
- He also said that new shrubs were placed around the Celtic Center and that mulch will be added round the Mahon Center

**8:00 PM Adjournment**

**Next Meeting – August 12, 2021, at 7 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by Liz Gerlach**