

Church of St Patrick

Parish Council

Meeting June 10, 2021

Members present: Father Kuss, Roseanne Strand, Sue Connolly, Liz Gerlach, Brian Brown, Tom Moses, Ed Connelly, Lisa Enriquez, Grace Hanson, Julie Schnell, Sachin Choudhary and Trustee Debbie Zeller

Members present via ZOOM: Jim Swanke, Tom Beutell (future Pastoral Care Council representative), Bill Schnobrich and Trustee Stephen Stenbeck

7:00 PM Call to order – Roseanne Strand, Chair

Prayer for St. Patrick's – Father Kuss

Approved minutes for meeting of Thursday, May 13, 2021

Reports from Committees:

Women's Council and Guilds: Grace Hanson reported on a successful Spring Luncheon – 91 attendees.

Men's Group: Sachin Choudhary reported plans are underway for Steak Dinner, date to be determined. Troy Kerin is heading the Monday Men's Softball team; the first game was Monday June 7th, all games are at OLG fields.

Pastoral Council: Tom Moses reported Deacon Schnell called together a meeting to discuss contacting the homebound who had been receiving communion because of Covid and determine who is still in need and who are once again attending Mass in person. Previously only health care workers were allowed in the Sunrise Healthcare facility; present status is go ahead. Father Kuss plans on contacting The Waters of Edina to determine if they are able to hold mass once a week (Thursdays) in their chapel complete with piano. Tim Smith would be available to accompany Father Kuss.

Liturgy Committee: Future meeting is needed to determine the future return of Altar Servers and Sacristans. Father Kuss announced that we will not returning to serve communion under both species.

Members at Large: Ed Connelly remarked on the increase in attendance and the return of hand out song sheets. He did relay positive comments about Tim and Julie Smith. His daughter was recently married in St. Pat's with a Mass ceremony and praised the complete, personal experience. Brian Brown also commented on the growing attendance and the positive experience of attending Masses for First Communion and Confirmation. His daughter was one of the Confirmands. He felt Father Kuss made it personal for the candidates, their family and friends. Father Kuss will have a conversation with the Archbishop addressing keeping Confirmation ceremony in the Parishes.

Faith Formation Discussion – Input from all continued from the May meeting.

- June 27th Sunday Masses will recognized graduating Seniors and all who will be experiencing changes
- Mission Trip on schedule leaving June 27th, Sunday after 11 AM Mass
- Confirmation change to a (2) year program will move forward. Present incoming 9th grade class will be grandfathered in
- Parent input meeting(s) will be postponed; a later time to be determined
- Father Kuss discussed feedback from confirmation candidates' interviews. They do not want to change meeting day from Wednesday to Sunday. Father asked them for paint color recommendations for the Club room which turned out to be a calming color of paint-grey. The custodians did the priming; the students did the painting. The Chart room is scheduled next for painting.

- New Faith Formation Director for confirmation and compass - Benjamin Tlougan will start this position on June 21st. Ben was previously a youth minister in Prior Lake. He is married with two children and another on the way. He seems to be passionate about his faith. He likes to bring in speakers to talk with the groups and uses feedback from youth to build a successful program.
- Synod – Lisa Enriquez requested a discussion on a recent article in the Catholic Spirit and St. Patrick's involvement in the small groups to take place this fall. Local Synod started in 2019; this is the 3rd and final year. The 2021 fall session (mid-September through November) will be a 6-week series of small group discussions at parishes. ALL parishioners are invited to group discussions. The three focus areas will be:
 - Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization
 - Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call
 - Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young

Father Kuss and Roseanne spoke of efforts to have St. Patrick's represented. Roseanne had (3) different individuals attend meetings in 2019; all three participants stepped away for various reasons. Father Kuss has asked a few individuals but has had no success in recruiting anyone. If anyone does have interest, they should contact Father Kuss.

Mass Schedules: Input from all continued from May meeting. After reviewing with youth, parents and parishioners, the following will most likely be the future Mass schedule:

- Saturday, 5PM Mass - No change
- Sunday, 10AM all year (and, the only Sunday Mass during the summer months)
- Sunday 5PM Mass during the school year; offering a meal afterwards received positive responses
- Daily 8AM Mass – No changes
- Father Kuss will look into adding a recording in the Celtic Chronicle for further input from parishioners.

Future Activities:

- **All Parish Mass** – will not be on the schedule this year
- **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** – 1st Fridays, next gatherings will be July 9th and August 6th
- **Marian Plaza Music** – Thursdays: June 24, July 22 and August 19 starting at 6:00PM
- **Fall Gala** – October 2; Roseanne Strand and family will start to organize this event
- **Coffee House in Celtic Center** – continuation of discuss; gathering place for high school students and daily Mass attendees. It would be a simple coffee set up using the small kitchen by the Celtic Center.

8:15 PM Adjournment

Next Meeting – TBD by new Chair Liz Gerlach

Respectfully submitted by Susan Connolly and Roseanne Strand