

**Church of St Patrick
Parish Council
SUMMARY MINUTES: March 14, 2024**

Members Present: Fr Kuss, Terry Kapsen, Ivan Pittaluga, Zach Neuman, Lisa Romain, Roseanne Strand, Brian Brown, Grace Hanson, Allison Schmidt, Bernadette Daly, Mike Weibel, & Cappy Moore; **Members Present via Zoom:** Daniel Farris, Bill Schnobrich; **Members Not Present:** Andy Piazza, Jim Swanke

Summary Minutes for February 8th Meeting – Approved

Meeting Objective: Parish updates, input, and discussions of priorities, including creation of subgroup to advance 3-year strategic plan.

PARISH COUNCIL INPUT & RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Christmas Holy Land Diorama Ministry Report – The council discussed expansion of the diorama ministry by recruiting presentation volunteers, greater PR & marketing, and improvements to the diorama allowing a 360-degree walk-around. The council agreed to support further development of the ministry under Father Kuss' and Don Keller's leadership.
- 2) Mass Times Subgroup Recommendation – Subgroup reported inconclusive feedback from parishioners with families on changing the 10 am Sunday Mass time. The council deferred any changes now to weekend Mass times but did support pausing the 5 pm Sunday Mass during summer months (After May 19th) and will be reassessed prior to the start of the school year.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FY 2024 OPERATING PLAN PRIORITIES

- 1) Subgroup consisting of five parish council members (Terry K, Cappy M, Ivan P, Mike W, & Zach N), will drive the strategic plan forward with monthly reporting to the parish council for input and approval.
- 2) FY 2023/2024 Priorities updated September 2023:
 - a. Faith Formation: The council assigned leaders (Allison S, Zach N) to continue focus on mentorship, staff support, and creation of community to surround Faith Formation, specifically Confirmation and Compass
 - b. Stewardship: Council suggested broader definition of "stewardship" to include time and talents and reposition financial support as "giving" or "generosity".
 - c. Engagement and Community Building (garage sale, ministries, small groups, education, ministry fair): Roles and responsibilities for parish events under the women's and men's clubs, as well as "all-parish" events were discussed. Update and review of the St. Patrick Events Calendar to occur at the first monthly meeting of the parish council every quarter (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct).

WOMEN'S & MEN'S MINISTRIES

- 1) Women's Club Update -
 - a) St. Patrick's Celebration – March 16th & 17th – cake and coffee to be served after the weekend Masses.
 - b) Discussed preparations for the All-Parish Mass and celebration of Father's 40th Anniversary of Ordination (June 16th). Recruiting of volunteers is underway, and the event's planning committee has been formed.
 - c) Two new ministries were introduced that include a women's Bible Study beginning in April and a service project for lunches to be served at a children's crisis nursery.

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2) Men's Club Update –

a) Lenten Fish Dinner was successful, exceeding its goal with 212 people in attendance.

b) Men's Scotch & Cigar Dinner at the Rectory for April is sold-out.

3) Status of 2024 Garage Sale Chair – Meeting scheduled with Ilona Kerin for March 20th.

Events, Operations, & Staff Update

No significant issues to report.

8:00 PM Closing Prayer & Adjournment
