

**Church of St Patrick
Parish Council
MINUTES: February 17, 2022**

Members Present: Fr Kuss, Liz Gerlach, Terry Kapsen, Roseanne Strand, Lisa Romain, Liesel Gutierrez, Mike Weibel, Grace Hansen, Representing the Men's Ministries- John Ratelle and Jim Wanger
Members Present via Zoom: Bill Schnobrich, James Swanke. The new Parish Life and Events Manager, Carrie Miller was introduced

Members not present: Tom Beutell, Allison Schmidt, Julie Schnell will be departing the Parish Council

7:00 pm Call to order, with prayer: Fr Kuss

January 20 Meeting's Minutes Approved

Updates from Fr Kuss

- On the first Sunday of Lent the Sunday evening Mass will be moved into the Chapel until the remodel starts in June 2022.
- We will need to determine if we will have the Sunday evening service during the summer.
- The designer approved of the color and material choices for the remodel. Installation should take place in June and July.

Women's Club Update- Grace

- On May 22 they will have a luncheon with a speaker. Two retreats are in the works. They want to get Oktoberfest on the calendar. On April 1 they will sponsor a Fish Fry along with the Men's Ministry.

Breakout Discussion- The Council divided into two groups for 30 minutes to discuss 3 areas of Social Outreach- our parish/ local communities/ our country and world. Some ideas...

- Foster parenting assistance, or even single parent aid
- Bill said that VEAP is a very good cause, and serves the local area.
- Offer study group opportunities- a good way to build parish camaraderie. Parish employees participated in the Formed program last year during Lent. Highly regarded.
- Develop a partnership with Risen Christ School.
- Start a monthly Rosary prayer meeting for men.
- For a good start we need to build a strong community base. Our building is an excellent facility for gatherings. Holiday events are a good opportunity for this.
- In past years preschool was offered to young children while the parents attended Mass.
- Encourage multi generational gatherings.
- Have a bulletin board for easy access to information about Parish activities.
- Homework was assigned for each Parish Council Member to discuss recommendations and share findings at the March 10 Parish Council meeting.

8:00 pm Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Romain