

Church of St Patrick
Parish Council
MINUTES: April 21, 2022

Members Present: Fr Kuss, Liz Gerlach, Terry Kapsen, Roseanne Strand, Lisa Romain, Liesel Gutierrez, Mike Weibel

Members Present via Zoom: Bill Schnorbrich, James Swanke, Tom Beutell, Grace Hansen, John Ratelle

Members not Present: Allison Schmidt

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

March 10 Meeting's Minutes Approved

Report on recent activities by Bill

- Pizza and Bingo Night, St Patrick's Brunch, Easter Egg Hunt, Lenten Fish Dinner
- Net loss of just \$209- money well spent
- Great attendance- close to 600 people
- Good community builders
- Bill suggested we get more help from parishioners in running these events. The staff is doing the bulk of the work, which they don't mind, but engaging more parishioners would be good for community development.
- John said parishioners seem happy to help. We need to reach out more.
- Liz said a sheet has been created for keeping a volunteer list so that we can re-reach out to them in the future. She also thinks our forms of communication are working well- the Celtic Chronical, the bulletin and the board.
- Liz also thought it would be a good idea to send e-mails out to people who register for events. She had received many comments, replies and questions for her events.
- Fr Kuss was happy to say that some events had many new attendees, from cross generations.
- It was determined that gluten-free items need to be available at future events.

Women's Club Update- Grace

- A Women's Luncheon will take place on May 22. She is concerned that it is just two days away from the Spring Fling. Fr Kuss said there was only one date available.
- We hope to make the Oktoberfest a much bigger event this year, with Carrie Miller's help. They will collaborate with the Men's Club.

Events and Activities Clarification Chart

- Liz presented a chart clarifying the roles of participants in events and activities. The tasks are divided between Carrie Miller and a Parish Activity Chairperson.
- Carrie will be in charge of fund raising events. And part of the goal is to raise awareness of the Parish in Edina and the greater area.

- The Activity Chairperson will be responsible for community activities. Carrie will be a liaison.

Update on Spring Fling from Roseanne

- Takes place May 20. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, auction
- Very good variety of auction items
- Working with Ben to get youth to help with apps.

18 Month Calendar of Events presented.

- We will be looking for chairs and co-chairs to head events.
 - A Parish Activities Subcommittee is being developed. It will provide new and valuable structure. 6 areas representing a cross section of the Parish are included. Several members have been confirmed, others are being recruited.

“Fueling Your Spiritual Fire” - top 7 ideas presented

- Activities aimed at engaging people and making an impact. Hoped to keep them simple and welcoming.
- We should get feedback from current groups on these ideas.

Updates from Fr Kuss

- Thankful to many people for their contributions to the very full Easter Mass.
- Fr Fehn will be retiring at the end of June. We will probably hold a picnic after Mass.
- Faith Formation is back to in person classes. He would like to reach out to parents to get their input on the best timing in the future for their kids attend more class sessions.
- The Synod will be meeting during Pentecost.
- First Holy Communion takes place May 1.
- Confirmation will be in mid-May.

8:00 pm Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Romain