

Church of St Patrick

Parish Council

MINUTES: June 9, 2022

Members Present: Fr Kuss, Liz Gerlach, Terry Kapsen, Grace Hsansen, Tom Beutell, Allison Schmidt, Mike Weibel, Bill Schnobrich, James Swanke, John Ratelle

Members not Present: Lisa Romain, Liesel Gutierrez

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

May 19 Meeting's Minutes Approved

Summary of the Synod given by Fr Kuss

The Synod was held at the Church of the Holy Spirit in St Paul. Bishop Cozzens presided. Fr Kuss described the multi day process that took place. Bernadette Daly and Deacon Bob Schnell were St. Patrick's representatives.

Some of Fr Kuss' takeaways

- We need an evangelization team.
- Fr Kuss should visit new members.
- Have feedback cards in the pews.
- Perhaps send a letter of expectations to all parishioners.

Liz G pointed out that many of the ideas explored through the Synod were included on our "Fueling Your Spiritual Fire" list.

Women's Club Update- Grace H

- Over 80 people attended the Women's Luncheon. There was a speaker who made a presentation about lilies. In the future we should separate the time between eating and visiting, and listening to the speaker.
- The club will continue to meet through the summer and prepare for upcoming events.

Men's Club Update- John R

- John listed several projects in the works, like window washing, lawn work, and painting.
- Longer term projects need to be planned out.
- They will reach out to other parishioners to see if they would like to participate.

Remodeling Progress- Bill S

- The workers are doing a wonderful job. Asbestos removal is complete in the Mahon Center. Projects are on or ahead of schedule. They may be completed by mid to late July.

Updates from Liz G

- • The Parish Activity Subcommittee will have its first meeting on June 27.
- • We are looking to recruit a Parish Life Council Member
- • 3 concerts are coming up, geared towards different ages. Fr Kuss is contemplating honoring Fr Fehn's retirement at one of them.

Fueling Your Spiritual Fire

- Liesel is heading Hospitality. We need to work out the cost, and "who" is doing "what".
- Liz and Terry are heading Welcoming Parishioners Back.
- For Dads and Sons Rosary, Terry is looking for a (hopefully) young co-chair.
- Roseanne will chair the Foster Parent Support. Regarding Adopt a Grandparent, she suggested we consider connecting this program with the youth group. Perhaps the elders could be teachers and get involved socially. This prompted Fr Kuss to comment that we should bring back Calling Tree. Liz and Terry will work on this, perhaps with Tom, as it could work well with the Pastoral Ministry.
- Liz encouraged all council members to participate in a volunteer position.
- Organization has begun in several projects with the Grounds Crew.

Faith Formation- Allison Schmidt

- Parents have asked if fees could be waived if they have to go through Virtus training to be teachers. Fr Kuss will discuss this with Bill.

2 topics for our next discussion:

- Speaker series
- Annual planning process

8:00 pm Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Romain