

**Church of St Patrick  
Parish Council  
SUMMARY MINUTES: April 10, 2025**

**Members Present:** Fr Kuss, Terry Kapsen, Brian Brown, Roseanne Strand, Lisa Romain, Cappy Moore, Allison Schmidt, Zach Neuman

**Members Present via Zoom:** Bill Schnobrich, Jim Swanke, Grace Hansen, Andy Piazza, Bernadette Daly

**Members Not Present:** Mike Weibel

**Two Changes Made to the March 13<sup>th</sup> Minutes.**

**Review of the Pastoral Council Constitution and Bylaws**

- Changes were highlighted, such as term limits, the number of council members, and frequency of meetings.
- We will need to be more diligent with background checks going forward.
- All changes were accepted and will be signed off and sent on to the Archdiocese.

**Updates from Fr Kuss**

- Carrie Miller's position as Parish Life/Events Coordinator was terminated, as there was not enough work for her. This position will not be reevaluated for at least another year.
- The new Tabernacle will be installed on Holy Saturday.
- For now, we will not be expanding the family/young children's area of the church. To create a senior-accessible seating area would require a lot of "red tape". That project is on-hold for now as well.
- Updates will be made to the Celtic Center to install a large screen TV for announcements, parish information, etc., and the bronze statue of St. Francis from the chapel will be relocated in the space.
- Four current classrooms will be converted into two Atriums for Youth Faith Formation/Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS).
- The new sound system will hopefully be installed, soon after Easter.

**Garage Sale Updates**

- A meeting was held with leaders of the 2024 garage sale on March 25th.
- Ilona has already contacted 109 people that agreed to be involved with the next sale. A few leadership roles still need to be filled.
- We bought several new rectangular tables that will replace the circular ones we've used in the past. They are much easier to work with and will create more display space.
- Improvements in the layout of merchandise for sale is underway.
- This May, we will start working on recruiting additional parishioner volunteers to help.

**FY 2025-2026 Pastoral Planning and Budget**

- Fr Kuss needs information on upcoming events for the next fiscal year. The calendar has been populated through January 2026. He would like to know of additions to the parish calendar, with at least three months' advance notice.
- He is asking for an outline and cost estimates for each event. The parish staff has occasionally been pressured to devote too much time at the last minute.
- Terry K suggested that a small group of Parish Council members could help facilitate some of the background work for these events. It also would be ideal to keep track of the success of previous events and look into areas that need improvement.

- Fr Kuss would like to restructure the fundraiser dinner event. He proposed a fun adult gathering in October, and another family get-together, including children so that parents could more easily attend.
- Terry K also suggested that the Parish should be more intent on determining how much of the budget should be set aside for all events. This should be handled in a sub-committee, perhaps beginning in May.
- Fr Kuss asked that by May 7<sup>th</sup>, we submit requests for events that we would like to have on the next fiscal year's calendar.

#### **Women's Club- Cappy M**

- There is restructuring happening in the club. New, younger members are taking on some of the leadership roles. They will do the best they can to submit requests for events on the calendar, amidst the changes.
- Cappy M is getting a lot of positive feedback on how well Deacon Art Miller's Retreat went. It was a remarkable success!
- There will be a Spring Luncheon on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Men's Club- Andy P**

- The Men's Club just had a leadership meeting and are still working on determining if they broke-even on their expenses for the "Cigar & Whiskey" event.
- They are planning to have a pancake breakfast on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Tom Ries' house. They hope to have Fr. John Christianson speak to them about the Rosary.
- There will be a Happy Hour May 29<sup>th</sup> at Full Tilt in Bloomington.
- The Men's Club will continue to help with groundskeeping, and plan to help with the Garage Sale. They will sell beer and brats at the summer concerts.
- There are no parish-wide events planned for the Men's Club until after January.
- Currently there is about \$6000 in the Men's Club bank account, so there is no need for funding from the Parish.

#### **Youth Formation- Zack N/Allison S**

- There is just one more session left this Fall for Youth Formation.
- There are two sessions left for the Confirmation Class. They will be Confirmed on April 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Confirmation Mass here on May 4<sup>th</sup>. This will also be a farewell Mass for Deacon Schnell, who is retiring.

#### **Finance Updates- Jim S**

- Our funding and liquidity are on budget.
- There will be a Finance Council meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, when he will have updated information.

**Next Meeting June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**7:50 Adjournment**

**Respectfully submitted by Lisa Romain**