

Church of St Patrick
Parish Council
MINUTES: October 14, 2021

Members present: Terry Kapsen, Tom Beutell, Mike Weibel, Roseanne Strand, Allison Schmidt, Lisa Romain, Grace Hansen, Liesel Gutierrez

Members present via Zoom: Liz Gerlach, Bill Schnobrich, James Swanke

Members not present: Julie Schnell, Father Kuss (on vacation)

7:00 pm Call to order: Liz Gerlach, Chair

September 16 Meeting's Minutes Approved

Updates from Bill Schobrich

- The garage sale netted \$62,000- very successful
- There has been no progress in filling the Parish Life position
- We are narrowing in on one candidate for the Director of Liturgy and Music position. He is a professional musician, and Edina resident.

Gala Update from Roseanne Strand

- 150 people attended, many not members of St Patrick's
- Positive feedback from many people
- Good variety of auction items. All sold but one.

Faith Formation, Allison Schmidt

- Ben Tlougan is very organized, and a good speaker. It was agreed that he must be advised to shorten his talks, though.
- Matt Birk gave a wonderful talk to the kids one evening. The students were very engaged.
- The Atlas Program will begin in November. It will take place on the first Sunday of the month.

Feedback on Speakers

- Liz Gerlach talked about speaker topic areas like the Mass and Apologetics. Fr. Kuss and Jim Swanke highly recommended the Knights of Columbus content. Liz listed other resources recommended by Fr. Kuss.
- One audience to reach out to is Young Families
 - Spousal communication
 - PREP Inc. has a great program
 - Other programs mentioned
- Another audience is Seniors
 - How to grow in the Parish
 - How to have a dialogue with

- Speakers were listed
- Allison Schimdt highly recommended Fr. Mike Schmitz's work. We could use his video material, or possibly even get him to speak at the church since he's at UM Duluth.
- Mike Weibel, Bill Schnobrich, and Roseanne Strand spoke about the importance of Apologetics, and shared personal stories where it would be very helpful in relating to others.
- Tom Beutell suggested discussing practical aspects aiding in day to day life- things are in transition these days.
- Terry Kapsen encouraged identifying speakers that have energy and can inspire - in years past, participation sometimes suffered due to bland content or delivery.
- Liesel Gutierrez said parts of the Mass need to be explained to kids- they need to be integrated more into the service. Roseanne Strand mentioned years back a pastor shared with Faith Formation students where he stopped and explained what was happening. It was agreed to suggest to Ben Tlougan to set this up again.

Speaker Series Follow Up & Draft Planning Overview

- Liz Gerlach presented a Speaker Series outline that she and Fr. Kuss drafted for the next 18 months.
- Terry Kapsen spoke about St. Patrick's Planning Framework. We need to be strategic about *where* to invest in programs that align with our mission. The framework is based on 4 building blocks: **Spiritual, Intellectual, Human and Pastoral.**
- Liz presented a Draft, diving in depth into these 4 pillars and how St. Patricks incorporates them into action.

Risen Christ School

- Roseanne Strand said that Risen Christ School very much appreciates what St. Patricks has done for them. Now they wish to partner *with* us, develop more of a relationship. On Jan. 8 they will sponsor a session on how to make handmade corn tortillas. The cost for the Tortilla making event is \$50/person, children can be included in that price

Next Month's Topics

- Social Justice Discussion Continued
- Priorities for the Parish Council, Men's and Women's Ministries, Speakers and Social Justice

8:05 PM Adjournment

Next Meeting- November 18, 2021, 7PM-8PM

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Romain