

**Church of St Patrick
Parish Council
SUMMARY MINUTES: February 13, 2025**

Members Present: Terry Kapsen, Brian Brown, Roseanne Strand, Lisa Romain, Cappy Moore, Zach Neuman, Bernadette Daly

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

Members Not Present: Fr Kuss, Allison Schmidt

January 23rd Meeting Minutes Approved

Reimagining the Winter Gala Fundraiser- Cappy M

- Cappy met with Fr Kuss to discuss simplifying this event for the future.
- Costs would be lower to include a greater number of parishioners.
- Most of the auction items would be smaller and less expensive.
- There may be two events. One would be for adults and would include alcoholic beverages. One would be for families with something like Bingo and a simple meal.
- Need to clarify how much of the proceeds would go to charities, and how much would go to the Parish.

Pancake Breakfast, March 16

- It will take place after the 10:00 am Sunday Mass in honor of St Patrick's Day. There will be no charge.
- Carrie M reached out to the Men's Club to help with this event. Attendance is expected to be quite large. The Celtic Chronical also invited parishioners to sign up and help as well.
- Roseanne S mentioned that Fr Kuss would like to have another "New Parishioner Breakfast" sometime this spring. He asked the Liturgy Committee to sponsor the event.

Garage Sale Update, Leadership Candidates, Next Steps- Terry K

- Late Spring we will need to reach out to the parish for volunteers. A suggestion to have Fr. Kuss speak after weekend Masses about the opportunity and solidarity for all parishioners to take part in the 2025 Garage Sale.
- Ilona Kerin will still be involved but slowing down from her previous leadership role. We agreed we should have three Co-Chairs for the Sale. New volunteers might be more inclined to sign up if it's team effort with all members of the parish.
- Terry K presented a list of department managers for the many different kiosks and sales areas. Some of them will be retiring, so we will also need others to fill their roles. Names were mentioned by individuals of those who might be interested. We need to reach out to the entire parish. A formal description of the roles would be helpful to recruit the right individuals.
- Previously, Fr. Kuss suggested we simplify the meals provided to bring down costs and lighten the workload.
- There was discussion on changing some of the hours of the sale to better accommodate buyers that work during the day.

Women's Club- Cappy M

- The Women's Club is kicking off a large promotion for the upcoming Lenten Retreat. We will provide a loop of Deacon Art Miller's Weekly Reflection. The team will meet with many local Parishes in the area and promote this special event. There will be a Wine

and Cheese gathering for people in leadership roles in the Parish to educate them with details of the Retreat so that they can help promote it also. In addition, Deacon Miller will promote the retreat at the Church of St. Patrick – Edina on Relevant Radio. It will appear in the “Catholic Spirit” as well.

- A few Club members will work with Fr. Kuss to make German Kuchen Cakes to hand out on “Fat Tuesday” and members of the parish will be invited to make donations toward the new Tabernacle. Fr. Kuss might make a plaque naming the donors and put it on the back of the Tabernacle.
- Small group gatherings will begin next weekend to discuss the book “Belong to God First”, by Pope Francis. They will have facilitator training to help people lead groups.
- Happy Hours continue to go well.

Men’s Club- Andy P

- The Pasta Dinner netted \$2172. This money will go back to the Church in many ways. Andy was incredibly happy with the camaraderie that went with the evening. He hopes to make this an annual event.
- There will be a Fish Fry on March 21st with an outside caterer involved.
- Some Men’s Club members have volunteered to help move the Diorama, but we could use a few more.
- Also, the Men’s Club will have a Happy Hour event on Feb. 27th at Full Tilt in Bloomington.

Youth Formation Update- Zach N

- Allison S is out of town but had previously reported that things are moving along well with the Confirmation Program.
- Cinthia says there are twenty-seven students in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, with several new young students. The momentum is growing there. She is training for the “Level 3 Certification”.

Operations Update- Bill S

- Bids are expected for several parish projects and will be reviewed with the Finance Council next week. One large project is a new sound system, as requests for proposal are under review. Another urgent project is the replacement of the fire alarm panel, and was approved at a cost of \$8,500.

New Business

- The recently distributed Parish Directory had many omissions. A revised edition has been completed and will be sent out later in March.
- In relationship to our Priorities and Strategies for year one, Terry K has been analyzing offertory contributions. One takeaway is that we are approaching 70% of the parish households donating versus 60% earlier in FY 2024-2025. There is some concern that certain of the larger contributors are senior members of the parish.

Next meeting March 13th

8:05 pm Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Romain