

Church of St Patrick

Parish Council

Meeting May 13, 2021

Members present: Father Kuss, Roseanne Strand, Sue Connolly, Liz Gerlach, Tom Moses, Ed Connelly, Brian Brown, Lisa Enriquez, Tim Smith, Grace Hanson, and guest Frank Kiesner

Members present via ZOOM: Jim Swanke

7:00 PM Call to order – Roseanne Strand, Chair

Prayer for St. Patrick's – Father Kuss

Approved minutes for meeting of Thursday, April 15th, 2021

Garage Sale – Frank Kiesner gave an update which included the garage sale dates of 9/8/21 – 9/11/21. The committee meets every two weeks and has designated 21 departments all of which have leads appointed. Frank is looking to develop a good working relationship with the staff and Parish Council in order to make this event a huge success. A main task will be finding younger volunteers.

Reports from Committees:

Women's Council and Guilds: Main focus has been on the Spring Luncheon. At this time, 65 women had reservations for a boxed lunch and to hear Cappy Moore discuss her Way of St. James walk.

Pastoral Council: Tom Moses has contacted 7 active members who are able to do both Parish Homebound and Sunrise Healthcare Center.

Liturgy Committee: Committee has been idle due to Covid; Altar Servers and Sacristans cannot participate at this time. Next meeting will evaluate Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Members at Large: Ed Connelly questioned returning to the normal we knew. The Council was informed the ropes in the pews would be removed in the next few weeks. Worship ads would return; books will not return as the contents are outdated. Parishioners need to be reminded about the ionization system in place and know that it has been tested and it is working. A separate section for those still wishing to practice social distancing is an option. Brian Brown commented on the First Communion celebration attendance with all candidates and their families at one Mass; a sign of normality. Next step will be using the cameras for live streaming for elderly and family members not able to attend.

Faith Formation Discussion – Updates by Lisa Enriquez and Father Kuss:

- Summer Mission trip (Lake Traverse- South Dakota June 27th-July 3rd) is back on. Lisa and members of the Faith Formation Committee found a staff member is not required to accompany the students. Jaclyn Parell has offered to help on this trip; more volunteers still needed.
- Senior send-off celebrated Wednesday, May 5th was huge success. Compass leaders stepped up and collected \$1,500 for gift certificates for leaders.
- Faith Formation Youth Director Open Position -There are 2 possible candidates. Bill Schnobrich and Father Kuss have interviewed; a selected group will be invited to talk with at least one of the applicants and give feedback to Father. If favorable, an offer will be made.
- As previously discussed, confirmation will become a two-year program (8th and 9th grades). It will be important to make future candidates aware of this change.
- Parent input meetings – Father plans to do this in June and would like date recommendations. The plan is to have a “town hall setting”.

- Day and time changes for confirmation and compass – questioning whether to keep Wednesday evenings or change to Sunday with 5pm Mass, a meal and meeting. Tim Smith commented his past observance has been Faith Formation connected to Mass, meal and teaching has more attendees.
- Coffee House in Celtic Center for high school students and daily Mass goers. Father would like members to give thought, bring pros and cons to next parish council meeting.

Mass Schedules: Priests should do only two Masses in a day; with shortage of priests, they are allowed to do more. Starting May 30th, Sunday Masses will be 9AM and 11AM – no 5PM Sunday Mass. Some change considerations:

- Saturday, 5PM; Sunday, 10AM and 5PM
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- Schedule the Sunday 5PM Mass for Confirmation Faith Formation and Compass; offer a meal after Mass and continue with classes and meetings (Pre COVID 2019, Sunday 5PM Mass had attendance of approximately 100; with a meal offered, approximately 200).
- Tuesday, 8AM Mass – change to an evening Mass for people who work; possibly change Parish Council meeting day to attend Mass before meetings; Finance Committee attendance before meetings.

The members of the Council were asked to talk with parishioners, get feedback and be ready to discuss at the June meeting.

Input On Summer Activities:

- **Happy Hour at Rectory Tuesday evenings** 6:30PM or 7:00PM for an hour - soft drinks will be available and guests are welcome to bring alcoholic beverages if they wish.

8:15 PM Adjournment

Next Meeting Thursday, June 10th 2021

Respectfully submitted by Susan Connolly and Roseanne Strand