

Church of St. Patrick
Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2019

Attendees: Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) members

Jane Marie Rief, Andrea Johnson, Rob Madden, Mary McCahey, Jan Preiner, Joan Robertson, Tony Sporer, Demetri Zepeda

Staff: Fr. Brian Fier (Pastor), Cindy Reckinger (Parish Administrator)

Trustees: Doug Fangmeier

Prayer: The meeting opened with a prayer led by Father Brian

I. Old Business

Guest Speaker: Bob, Parish Council Chair from St Edward's

Bob graciously came to our meeting to share his experience with parish council at his parish. They recently went through a three-year process to revise their parish leadership guidelines and PPC Bylaws. Bob shared about the process they are going through to implement their plan. They have 6 commissions representing 50 ministries. Their PPC is made up of a representative from each of the 6 commissions and two at large members who are all voting members. In addition, the St Edward's council has two youth, two trustees, and a representative from the Finance Council who are non-voting members. Bob has two years of experience as Chair of St. Edward's Parish Council. Following Bob's talk, there was time for questions and answers.

A sub-committee of seven members from our PPC, is meeting each week to work on updating and improving our PPC Guidelines. We are using our current bylaws, examples from other parishes, and the new Arch-diocese guidelines to review and establish our likes and dislikes in helping us to form a new, updated PPC Bylaw for St Patrick's. We will include an article in the Parish Bulletin the week of February 2 / 3 to help inform the parish of our process.

We discussed the timeline for the process which includes presenting to the Commissions in April and all parish listening sessions in September before submitting the new Bylaws to the Archdiocese for approval in October. We continue to operate under our current Bylaws in the meantime.

II. New Business

1. Parish Spotlight articles will resume with the first weekend of February. We have two articles planned each month for February and March and monthly articles planned for the rest of the year. This leaves room in the schedule for additional articles that may be of interest. We have two co-chairs of the Parish Spotlight sub-committee that will keep this moving.
2. Mass schedules – there is a request to potentially change existing mass times and add an additional mass on Sunday afternoon.

3. We also discussed our concerns about bringing new parishioners to St Patrick's and how we will reach out to the community which is changing. Next month we will look at the demographics reported by the school district. We especially want to drive for more youth in the parish. We could potentially use an online survey tool to survey the parishioners about their needs. We can review the GROW work done a few years ago.
4. In May we will have three vacant positions on parish council. We will fill those positions according to our current bylaws and procedures.
5. We have three open positions on Finance Council that need to be filled as well as needing a new chair for the Finance Council. We would like there to be a liaison between the Finance Council and the Parish Council.
6. Sub- committee will continue to meet weekly until the next PPC meeting which is on February 26th. All PPC members are welcome to attend Sub- committee meetings.

III. Parish Commission Highlights:

1. **Worship Commission (WC):** Preparing to incorporate healing prayer in the liturgies and the Stations of the Cross for Lent.
2. **Faith Formation Commission (FFC):** Plans to have a Mardi Gras for families along with the Worship Commission on March 3rd (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday) after the 10:30 A.M. Mass. Instead of a Ministry Fair, we will be having ministries present in the Gathering Space across several weekends. This will begin on February 24th and 25th. Ministries will be notified of their weekend to present. Please come support the youth at the SPY/Men's Club Pancake Breakfast.
3. **Parish Life and Social Justice (PL&SJ):** We are collecting and delivering toiletries in February. We will be making and delivering Easter Baskets to Neighbors. We are requesting additional servers at Dorothy Day and would like to serve twice a month. Dates for service will be in the bulletin. Family Fun Night is on Friday, April 5th (with animals).
4. **Finance Council (FC):** Adjustments need to be made as they are looking for a new Chair, as well as new members for the finance committee. We have all pledges tallied for 2019 and we are up 30 pledges from 2018, although the dollars are down. An annual contribution statement letter will be sent out with financial concerns highlighting July 1st through December 31, 2018. A new Maintenance person is pending and hopefully will start soon.

All Commission meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. PPC continued meeting until 9:20 P.M.