

**Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2018**

Our meeting began with prayer.

Fr. Bob announced the confirmation of his retirement, serving here the final weekend of June 30/July 1. He'll return to support the backpack give-away event in August and the Fall Festival in September. He is generously prepared to serve throughout the archdiocese, as a retired volunteer most/many weekends.

When Ellen worked at Presbyterian Homes, (2002-2013) she hosted monthly meetings for the IGH ministerial group. Fr. Bob was the only Catholic priest to regularly meet with this group of local pastors from city churches. Fr. Bob was a gracious representation of the Catholic presence in our city. His easy manner made for quick rapport and fast friendships. He began playing racquetball with the other ministers, joining at meetings in their respective church buildings, supporting city-wide efforts in social justice outreach, and working for the benefit of IGH children all the while praying with and for our community faith leaders. Fr. Bob singularly has advanced ecumenism in IGH, immeasurably. Planning his farewell reception will be on next meeting's agenda.

The parish mission was well received. Teresa successfully promoted the event. Typically, fewer attend on the 2nd night but we had 10 more attend on Tuesday. Our speaker, John, was pleased with our response and impressed by our hospitality.

Donuts will be served after the two Easter Sunday Masses. Ellen will provide milk for both Masses. The recommendation was to use sign up genius to solicit hospitality volunteers, with PPC members stepping up as needed. (Since we don't meet again before Easter a follow up email is required.) The donuts will be delivered. Last weekend per winter blizzard advisory, our order was changed from 24 dozen to 18 dozen. It was an accurate order, with only 6 donuts were leftover. Delivery was made at 7:15 a.m.

The council member nomination process was reviewed. Fred will speak from the pulpit April 14 weekend. We await confirmation of our vice chair for '18-'19.

We reviewed the step-by-step distribution process for new parish welcome packets. Show of hands resulted in a team of 8 members who will be part of this welcome ministry, currently an outreach of parish council: Fred, Joan, Jane Marie, Jan, Terry, Chris and Ellen. Jane Marie will email a sample of the letter of introduction she uses. Her advice is, simply: be friendly and welcoming.

Lent soup suppers was discussed, next. Valentine's Day didn't appear to affect the numbers at Mass but did impacts the numbers who stayed for supper. Only 71 bowls were used. \$142 was collected. Demetri had 5 loaves leftover, of the 10 loaves of bread he brought. A few slices of gluten free bread would've been sufficient. The remainder of those 2 loaves were put into freezer. There were 2 whole, unopened packages of sliced cheese, left for future meals. There was no leftover tuna or egg salad. Jane Marie recommends an easy route: she purchased at Sam's club 8 dozen eggs, pre boiled & peeled.

On 2/14 Mike Rief and Bernie Osburn stepped up and pitched in to help parish council members serve and clean up (after a few volunteers cancelled per illness.) On 2/21 mens' club was short staffed (of volunteers.) PPC doesn't 'own' this event but wonders if there's a need for a broader, robust list of prospective volunteers. If other commissions are challenged to man their rotation, then the suggestion is: to use sign up genius. Years ago Marge Blaha used to enlist confirmation students to serve rotations at Lent suppers. However, Bryan requested that suggestions for service hours/projects be submitted late August for review before the beginning of the new school year.

Joan suggested submitting St. Pat's application to IGH city-wide parade, in a timely fashion. Perhaps with earlier registration we'll be assigned a spot closer to the front or middle of the long line of floats. Roy G

graciously handled the process the past several years, per late request, even after his PPC term expired. Joan asks we be proactive and intentional in planning the parade this spring, before council breaks for summer. Discussion circled increased presence via either a parish sponsored booth at IGH Days via reserving a spot and renting a 10 foot banquet table for the Sunday traffic. Also suggested: entering our float into Kaposia Days parade (June 22, fee only \$20.) This gesture of greater community support could be especially welcome, since the So. St. Paul mayor and his family are active members of St. Pat's.

No PPC meeting in March, per Holy week.

April 3- next all commission meeting April 3. PPC members are providing desserts.

March 16 – Via Dolorosa singers present an emotional rendition of Stations of the Cross. 7:00 pm

March 18-St. Pat's Irish meal which is open to public and serves as welcome event for new members (26 have been invited.)

March 22-popcorn & movie night geared for Grandparents

April 6 –Family night.