

**Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2017**

Deacon John presided for our communion service. Eugene was our reader. Fr. Bob was at a conference gathering ideas to share with all commissions.

Our meal was hamburgers & Rueben's hot off our grill, prepared by Beirstube chefs! Thanks Terry, Mary & Andrea for desserts.

Large group reporting included an announcement of Susan's moving on. We are grateful for how she blessed our parish in her almost two years at St. Patrick's Church.

April 28th, Family Fun Night

Bingo, dice game, beer tasting, ice cream making, clowning, movies, photo booth, vendor tables, bean bag toss, reading corner, face painting, arts-n-crafts table are planned for this grand evening for the whole family. Family Fun Night ticket pre-sales are approx. 170.

Prayers for Joni F, recovering from unplanned surgery.

Parish Council meeting:

In attendance: Terry, Ellen, Mary, Joan, Jeanne, Jane Marie, Kayla, Fred, Juliette

Juliette expressed her appreciation of our team efforts with a hand-written card and gift to each PPC member. Joan asked us to be sure to welcome her son and daughter-in-law at the upcoming Family Fun Night.

Special Events

Nomination Process

Terry's pulpit invitation to nominate new members was well received. The bulletin blurb regarding the PPC and accompanying photo of Terry and Bernie was perfectly timed. (Thanks, Bryan.) Terry will coordinate phone calls to confirm interest by the prospects and names will be drawn May 20-21, just in advance of our final meeting May 23. Kayla will return as youth representative. Ellen will continue as secretary.

Blue Sky Initiative

Parish Communications (Jane Marie, Andrea, Mary, and Ellen)

Jane Marie tweaked the schedule for the bulletin Parish Spotlight, so featured paragraphs coincide with timely events. Besides Mary, Andrea and Ellen, Kayla stepped up to join Jane Marie's efforts to foster parish communication.

Increased Participation (Joan, Fred, Jeanne, and Demetri)

Joan urges that we clean up our roster, which is slated for year 2 on our Blue Sky list. Once the list is realistically pared, we can focus on those who chose to be considered members but are

inactive. Juliette asked if there is an opportunity, when left behind raffle tickets are hand delivered, to briefly discuss face-to-face the membership status. Moving forward we would employ strategy to engage those parishioners “in our own backyard.” If a professional status inventory is costly, Ellen wondered if we could man a booth at the parish-wide Staff Appreciation Dinner June 14th, to obtain as many as possible of current emails. Joan questioned if that approach would only be reaching those already engaged? She reported city council has had success with the tool ‘survey monkey.’ Fred asked if Liturgical Services which sends electronic bulletins would share their mailing list? Juliette reported Faith Formation already heavily relies upon a broad swath of emails and wondered if they could share for this effort.

Jane Marie informed us that Amazing Parish now offers additional free conferences/webinars.

Community Engagement (Terry)

Joan reminded us to be mindful of the due date of application for the IGH days parade participation. We need to allow enough turn-around time to obtain pastor’s signature on the completed application after he has confirmed insurance status. That deadline is July 31. (There is no late fee for churches.) The past two (2) years Roy Gutzman completed and submitted the paper work. Include parade involvement on the May agenda.