



Church of St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council

September 25, 2018 | 7 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Members: Jane Marie Rief, Chris Bravo, Andrea Sherman Johnson, Demetri Zepeda, Joan Robertson, Terry Osburn, Rob Madden, Mary McCahey, Tony Sporer
Parish Administrator: Cindy Reckinger, Trustees: Judy LeMire, Doug Fangmeier,
Absent: Father Brian Fier, Mary Sethre, Jan Preiner

Prayer: Jane Marie Rief opened the meeting with prayer and a moment of silence remembering Fred Hemmer. A thank you note from Fred's family was read and passed around. Jane Marie, Terry and Mary S. attended Fred's funeral and the Parish Council are having 6 masses said for Fred.

Bryan Collins addressed the Council noting the need for a catechist for 6th Grade on Wednesday nights. All other catechist positions have been filled.

Ordinary Business:

1. Father Brian, Cindy and Parish Trustees will attend our meetings.
2. We recognized and welcomed our new members: Tony, Mary, and Rob.
3. We shared the dates for the meetings for the coming year (noted below). Discussion was held regarding a parish staff decision following lent last year to discontinue the Soup Suppers. With the exception of Ash Wednesday, other evenings were poorly attended. Cindy asked Jane Marie to seek the attendance numbers from Joan Friske for future consideration.
4. Joan suggested that we offer fruit or some other healthy option for Donut Sunday. Jane Marie is adding that to the agenda for next month.
5. We approved the May Council Meeting Minutes.

Vice Chair Position: Jane Marie led the nominations and vote for the Vice Chair position. Andrea Johnson and Chris Bravo were nominated and accepted their nominations. Voting occurred via silent ballot. Ballots were tallied and with a close vote of 5 to 4, **Andrea Johnson was elected** as the Vice Chair. Thank you to Andrea and Chris for their willingness to be considered for this role.

Possible change in Commission Meeting format: Jane Marie presented her understanding of a proposal from Father Brian for the Council's consideration. Father Brian requested that council members attend other commission meetings so that the council can be more involved in the parish recommendations and decisions. Father Brian recommended that we then meet as a council following the Commission meetings.

Discussion followed. Several options were discussed including Option 1: keeping the current format. Option 2: Keeping the current format, attend the commission meetings and then meet as a council afterwards from 8:30 – 9:30, Option 3: Meeting as a council on a different night, Option 4: Changing the format to include a box lunch to go and have the Commission meetings occur at 6:30 – 7:30 with Parish council meeting to follow from 7:45 – 8:45. Option 5 No supper served. Start Commission meetings at 6:30 following mass and then meet as a council from 7:45 – 8:45.

We had an open question regarding how we would participate in other commissions. As a member? Will we rotate or stay assigned to one commission? Commissions include, Social Justice, Parish Life, Faith Formation, Liturgy and Worship, and Youth Advisory. We decided to table further discussion in favor of thinking about it and discussing in October when Father Brian is present.

Ministry Fair: Mary McCahey presented the poster that she prepared for the Ministry Fair. A photo was taken and all present Parish Council members signed the poster. Mary is taking care of the gift drawing and setting up the table. Mary is working the table after 5pm mass. Andrea may also help at the table at 5pm or at the Hospitality as needed, Chris and Tony will be working after the 8am mass and Jan after the 10:30 mass. Rob is also available to assist with Hospitality on Sunday.

IGH Days and Parade: Demetri gave an update on the participation at the parade on Saturday, September 8 and the Booth on September 9. The parade was fun and approximately 15 people participated. Roy Gutzman pulled the trailer again this year and said that next year we will need to find an alternate driver. On Sunday at the booth, Demetri, Jan and Rob handed out 203 fliers regarding the Festival and sold raffle tickets. They also answered questions about mass times. Thank you to all who participated and to Demetri for his leadership.

Upcoming Annual Stewardship drive and Speakers needed. Cindy requested that we consider whether we could speak at the upcoming Stewardship drive on the weekend of October 6,7. Doug Fangmeier shared that he has done this in the past and that the focus is on what stewardship is to you regarding encouraging others to participate like you do with your time talent and treasure. Email or call Cindy if you can do this. The Pledge cards will be handed out October 13-14.

Blue Sky Results and other business will be discussed next month. We noted that we would like to invite a student representative. Jane Marie will ask Father Brian about this.

We adjourned to rejoin the other commissions report out in Shamrock Hall at 8:15 pm.

Proposed Agenda for October

- I. Opening Prayer.....Member
- II. Parish News update.....Jane Marie
- III. Agenda items left from previous month.....Jane Marie
 - a. Council format and other Commission attendance
 - b. Blue Sky Results
 - c. Fruit served at Donut Sunday
 - d. Student Representative

- e. Parish Council is assigned to bring desserts to the All Commission Dinner at the November and January meetings.
- IV. Funeral Luncheons.....Father Brian
- V. Victim’s Fund.....Father Brian
- VI. Father Brian’s example of updated Parish Council Bylaws.....Father Brian
- VII. Other business.....All

MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

Saint Patrick's Church welcomes all into our community of Catholic faith and worship. We celebrate the Word of God, proclaim His Word by our daily actions, foster hope, and commit to justice in service to others.

Four Pillars: Faith, Hope, Worship, Service

St Patrick’s Parish Council

9/25/18

Future Meeting and Activity Dates*
September 29-30 – Ministry Fair
October 23, 2018
November 25 – Donut Sunday Hosts
November 27, 2018
December 18, 2018
January 22, 2019
February 26, 2019
March 26, 2019
April 23, 2019
May 28, 2019
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner TBD

*All dates reflect All Commission and Parish Council meeting dates unless otherwise specified