

**Church of St Patrick
Parish Council
SUMMARY MINUTES: April 11, 2024**

Members Present: Fr Kuss, Terry Kapsen, Zach Neuman, Ivan Pittaluga, Lisa Romain, Andy Piazza, Grace Hanson, & Cappy Moore; **Members Present via Zoom:** Allison Schmidt, Bernadette Daly, Jim Swanke, Daniel Farris, Bill Schnobrich, & Brian Brown; **Members Not Present:** Roseanne Strand, Mike Weibel, & Jim Wangen.

Opening Prayer by Fr. Kuss

Summary Minutes from March 14th Meeting – Approved by the Council with the following corrections: 2) Mass Times Subgroup Recommendation – Subgroup reported inconclusive feedback from parishioners with families on changing the 10 am Sunday Mass time. The council deferred any changes now to weekend Mass times but did support pausing the 5 pm Sunday Mass during summer months (~~Memorial Day through Labor Day~~ After May 19th) ~~and resuming during the school year.~~ and will be reassessed prior to the start of the school year.

QUARTERLY REVIEW OF PARISH EVENTS

- 1) Women's Club Events - Cappy M
 - a. Current & Upcoming Events
 - i. Women's Bible Study (Launched in April) 44 women registered and will meet for 6-weeks on Tuesday's 6 -7pm. It's a good program and positive feedback received on discussions. If evaluations are positive, there could be up to a 9-month program beginning in the Fall. Kudos to Mellissa Piazza for starting this Bible Study.
 - ii. 2nd Friday Hospitality – Women's Club, Bell Choir, and perhaps other groups will help provide a light breakfast following the 8 am weekday Mass.
 - iii. Minneapolis Crisis Nursery – First time was a remarkable success, thanks to Stephanie Buschko and would like to be a monthly event (to be discussed at the Women's Club Meeting Sunday April 14th)
 - iv. Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show (May 19th) - \$25 registration. DeAnn from the parish staff has been immensely helpful designing posters and promoting the event.
 - v. 2025 Lenten Retreat with Deacon Art Miller and promoting the event to other parishes in the area beginning this October/November and January. We are looking forward to a great turnout!
- 2) Men's Club Events – Andy P
 - a. Upcoming Events
 - i. Scotch & Cigar Dinner (April 25th) - SOLD OUT (35-40 men). Jim Wangen in charge and will be held at the rectory.
 - ii. St. Patrick's Spring Clean-Up (April 27th 8am-Noon) Ilona organized and partnered with the Men's Club to provide their time, yard tools, and a tasty lunch. From experience with the Women's Bible Study, Cappy suggested having a table in the Celtic Center with a rake, shovel, etc., and a signup sheet could help bring more people aware and willing to take part.
- 3) Additional Updates – Fr. K
 - a. Upcoming Events
 - i. Endowment Fund – John Beuerlein from the Finance Council will be briefly speaking at all weekend Masses (April 13 & 14) about a \$18000 dollar-for-dollar match when parishioners contribute to the fund.

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- ii. Edina Education Bike Event the morning of May 4th and half of the \$25 registration fee will be donated to the Church of St. Patrick for all parishioners that take part.
- iii. First Holy Communion (May 5th) Reception to be held in the Celtic Center.
- iv. The “Sunday 5 pm Mass” will be paused for the summer after May 19th.
- v. Confirmation at the Basilica (2 pm June 9th) for families. Zach N and Allison S asked about having a send-off Mass for those being confirmed. It was decided instead that we would recognize all confirmed at the All-Parish Mass (June 16th).

4) All-Parish Events – Cappy M & Terry K

- i. New Parishioner Brunch (April 28th) Rosanne S is organizing and recruiting this event. Fr. K sent 30 emails and paper invitations to all new ‘23 & ‘24 parishioners requesting their attendance.
- ii. New St. Patrick’s Lawn Signs – Allison S previously suggested we create “Proud Member of St. Patrick’s Church” lawn signs and Bill S provided samples of the finished product. A decision to sell them at near cost, and do a soft launch soon with sales beginning at the All-Parish Mass.
- iii. All Parish Mass & Fr. Kuss’ 40th Anniversary Celebration (June 16th) – Cappy M reported on recent meeting of the planning committee, setup will consist of 30 tables in the Mahon Center, with a brunch served. The color theme will include ruby, white, and gold. Father suggested that the confirmands’ colors should be red. Need food prep volunteers (6-10) Sunday morning before Mass, and Friday June 14th 2-4 pm volunteers for setup. Men’s Club will discuss doing the cleanup at their next meeting.
- iv. 2024 Garage Sale Co-Chairs – Terry K met with Ilona Kerin, and she has appointed two co-chairs (Chuck Gunderson & Cheri Ulman) and is moving forward with plans.

STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS & DISCUSSION – Strat Plan Subgroup & ALL

- 1) SWOT Analysis: Terry K reported the subgroup has met 3 times since the last parish council meeting to work on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, & Threats of our parish.
 - a. A question about the Youth Formation minister’s unexpected departure from the parish. Fr. K provided more background on Carley’s connection with St. Hubert’s (Chanhassen) pastor and faith formation director that she had worked with previously. Father indicated he is hopeful that we can still do a winter retreat and mission trip in 2025 and he’s not giving up on finding our way forward for the middle and high school youth of our parish.
- 2) Proposed Parish Goal, Vision, & Mission: Terry K then reviewed and requested feedback on a DRAFT of what could be the foundation for our parish goal, vision, and mission.
- 3) Preliminary Examples of Objectives, Strategies, & Tactics: The council then reviewed preliminary examples of certain near-term objectives, strategies, and tactics, serving as a template for our strategic plan.

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Operations & Staff Update – Bill S

- 1) Last month we successfully completed a 3-year audit from an outside accounting firm with only two minor observations, which is exceptionally good. Brian B, trustee, commented on the audit report that it came out with a great “passing grade”!
- 2) Brian B also inquired on why the church was so cold last weekend and Monday. Bill reported that a heating pump blew out and we are awaiting a new one which was installed yesterday.
- 3) Fr. K asked Bill about \$250K for warranty-covered work that is being done on the roof along with three drains (piping).

Final Update – Fr. K

- 1) Father handed out packets holding four documents that he has asked the council to carefully review, and he will schedule a special meeting to reconvene on May 1st to gather everyone’s thoughts. What he is looking for is our feedback and recommendations, best ways to communicate his message and educate our parishioners on what the Scriptures tell us.

Closing Prayer & Adjournment
