

St. Patrick Parish Council minutes, January 8, 2024

Present: Monsignor Dempsey, Jennifer Boldry, Peggy Gaier, Pat McCaskey, Pat Plodzeen, Ramiro Roman, Madeleine Slingerland, Michael Wodarcyk

Absent: Madeleine McCoy, Alejandro Quiroz

1. Welcome – Pat McCaskey welcomed everyone.

Opening prayer - Madeleine Slingerland

2. Minutes from November 13, 2023 meeting – Peggy Gaier asked for a motion to approve. Michael Wodarcyk made the motion. Madeline Slingerland - 2nd. All in favor – Approved.

3. Pastor's report – Monsignor Dempsey reported the project to replace the large cross hanging over the altar & the Holy Family statue in church is moving ahead. Private donations are going well. The project will cost \$140,000-150,000. In a few weeks diagrams will be made public, & donations sought. We hope to be finished by July 1. Cross & statue will be made in Germany.

The Christmas collection currently is only 75% of what was budgeted, but Sunday collections are slightly over budget.

Ministry Reports

Men's Group -Michael Wodarcyk reported the Pancake Breakfast will take place on Sunday., February. 25.

There is a 'breakfast with the Bishop' coming up soon, & the topic will be "Issues facing Catholic Men."

The Men's Group retreat is March 8-9.

March Madness Watch party will be on April 8.

Next Blood Drive is May 5.

Women's Group – Peggy Gaier reported the Women's Group Christmas lunch & program was held on Friday, December 1.

Women's Group hosted the Eggnog Hospitality Sunday on December 17.

Trivia Night is planned for February. 3, 2024, in the Parish Center. This is for Men & Women. Get your team of 8 people together.

Lenten Speaker on Thursday, February 29, 2024

St, Patrick party is a big project we are planning. The party will be in the Parish Center, & we're discussing renting a dance floor, getting prices from several caterers, etc. The Men's Group has offered to be bartenders, which would help keep prices lower. It hasn't been determined if we can include beer/wine with the ticket price or not. If we can get a reasonable price on the beer/wine then we'd like to include it with the cost, rather than have to sell drink tickets, etc. We will have several choices for wine, at least 2 Irish beers, plus 2 other beers, & a specialty cocktail of an Irish Old Fashioned. We will have a non-meat option for dinner since this is a Friday in Lent.

The date for the party is Friday., March 15, 2024, because the band we had last year (Not for Profit Band) isn't available on Saturday, & they were very popular last year with attendees. We hope to have Irish Step Dancers for entertainment, too.

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Bunko for Babies, supports Aid for Women, and will be held on April 10, 2024.

The Women's Group Spring Luncheon is Thursday, May 9, 2024, at Conway Farms Golf Club.

Religious Education – Pat Plodzeen reported there will be a parent meeting for 1st Communion on January 10, & a parent workshop on February 3. Reconciliation will be on January 27.

There will be a Lenten Retreat for Catechists on February 22 in the evening. This is for all of Lake County, & Emily would like to see more St. Patrick catechists participate.

Vacation Bible School will take place this summer for St. Patrick & St. Mary's children.

Old Business

Ramiro Roman has reached out to Holy Cross & St. Mary's regarding when we should have our next dinner meeting. No response yet.

Pat Plodzeen reported the results of the Dioceses Marker Index Survey has been published in the bulletin. Feedback has been favorable.

Jenifer Boldry reported the Parish Council picture in the hallway has been updated with the new members' pictures.

New Business

Peggy Gaier reported seeing an ad for St. Mary's before Christmas in a Lake Forest magazine listing mass times. It would be nice for St. Patrick to have an ad in local magazines, too, so residents realize there is another Catholic parish in the area, and listing our mass times. We'll try to have this publicized for Easter.

Next Meeting dates: March 11, May 13, & September 9, 2024

In March the opening prayer will be said by Peggy Gaier, & the closing prayer will be said by Michael Wodarczyk.

Suggestion box – Pat McCaskey reported there was one suggestion to “Possibly not have the vocalist stand on the altar when they are not leading a song.” This will be passed along to Dawn Isaia.

Closing prayer was said by Ramiro Roman

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peggy Gaier