St. Patrick's Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, February 25, 2025 6:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

# **Opening Prayer**

**Accept previous meeting minutes:** Motion by Kathy, seconded by Mary, with an adjustment to 4. b. to state per job vs. per hour. Carried

- 1. Pastor's Report
  - a. Upcoming Events:
  - b. Upcoming Trips/Sessions:
  - c. Upcoming Responsibilities:
    - One wedding per month averaging at St. Mary's
    - Lots of baptism's also at St. Mary's
    - Fr. wondered if St. Patrick's would like to place kneelers at the front altar area for those receiving communion who would like to kneel to receive.
      - o Action: The Arts & Environment committee will look into and report back

### 2. Parish Finances

- a. Presentation by Tim Gillespie of Gillespie & Associates on the Ameriprise Accounts
  - Provided handouts
  - Discussion on Accounts
- b. Presentation of Financial Reports: Debi

Motion to accept: motion by Mike, seconded by Karen to accept the financial reports as presented.

- Debi provided the Spring Fling Financial Report to Spring Fling CCP Committee
- 3. Parish Outreach/Environment: Jean
  - a. Parish Outreach:
    - Current community outreach:
      - Update regarding Youth Christmas Party and Caroling (Debi): visited 8 homes. All appreciated the visits in the spirit of Christmas.
      - Deacon Bob: Bible Study is going well. 4-12 people attend. Fr. gave Deacon some ideas for study group. Deacon stated that if anyone has ideas on Adult Study, they are welcomed.
    - Needs of parishioners:
      - o Fr. has been visiting shut-ins, which has been much appreciated.
      - Youth Group provided Valentines for Veterans cards, which were delivered to the Mosher Home.
      - CMA Appeal: St. Patrick's has reached its goal. A new appeal has also gone out. Debi suggested that Fr. provide encouragement to parishioners on a monthly basis.
      - Fr. talked about Parish Council being on a Mission. How can we be better at our Mission?
        How do we get lapsed Catholics back to church?
  - b. Parish Environment:
    - Décor: Ordinary Time
    - Lent:
      - Stations of the Cross: Tuesday's, March 11<sup>th</sup> through April 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm
      - Soup Supper: Tuesday's, Marth 11 through April 15, 2025 at 6:20 pm -- deliveries at 5pm.

Name	Present
Fr. Andrew Vogel	Х
Bill Fitzpatrick, Trustee	Х
Karen Kohlmeyer, Cemetery	Х
Trustee	
Mary Mell, Member	X
Jean Meyer, Chair	X
Mike Moriarty, Trustee	Х
Kathy Sexauer, Member	Х
Butch Shuda, Contracted	Х
Maintenance	
Debi Shuda, Parish Staff	Х
Bookkeeper / Volunteer Youth	
Coordinator	
Deacon Bob Yerhot	Χ

Members

- c. Events: 2025 Spring Fling: Sunday, April 27, 2025 9am 2pm
  - Asked to save food for Fr. Vogel, Deacon Bob, and Fr. Joe
- 4. Hall Cleaning and Mowing/Snow Removal:

Butch's Updates:

- Update: LED lighting in Parish Hall
  - Butch reported that Steve Colsch suggested that the replacement start at the Bathrooms & Kitchen. Council agreed.
- Report: Seasonal Snow Removal -- sidewalks: No report
- 5. Buildings and Grounds
  - Report: Seasonal Snow Plowing Lot contracted hours (Debi): No Report
  - Cemetery Grounds -- Butch reported that there are trees overgrown at the Cemetery and he would like to cut them back. Council agreed, however, requested that another person must be with him when doing so.

# **UPDATE: NONE**

- Butch stated that shingles were blown off the Rectory roof approximately 5 months ago. He stated that there are extra shingles in the garage and he would like to repair the roof this Spring.
- St. Patrick's Insurance Carrier completed their Site Inspection and had the following non-exclusive list of items to complete:
  - o Hall Bathrooms: need GFI electrical outlets near sink
    - Steve Colsch could do will need to purchase circuits prior to work
  - o In Basement Christmas Trees are blocking exit, need to be moved.
    - UPDATE: Trees moved to Rectory basement
  - Outside Back at Garbage Bin location: Water is directed towards the building. Needs to be redirected.
  - Steps between Church and Rectory: top sidewalk has a gap. Butch indicated he would repair in Spring
  - Manhole Covers in back of Church need to be identified so as not a tripping hazard.
    - UPDATE: Neon Orange spray painted. Complete.
  - O Door to Garage has large gap at bottom of door: needs to be replaced or repaired.
    - UPDATE: Door repaired
  - Loft in Church: must provide for a 12" railing that is attached to current half wall to measure at least 42" tall.
    - UPDATE: Installed 12" steel railing attached to current half wall.
  - o Cemetery Stones: need repair work. Karen will work with Wieser's to complete in Spring.
- a. Bathroom Sinks -- (Karen) --
  - ✓ Sinks installation by Foellmi Construction has been completed: Report on cost of product and labor installation costs -- \$900 for sinks, \$350 for Labor, \$365 for Urinals
- b. Rectory Work: (Jean)
  - ✓ 2025 work: Second bedroom/bathroom remodel
    - o Repair cement board around bathtub Complete
    - o Repair cracked tile Complete
    - Replace bathtub hardware Complete
    - o Replace shower head Complete
    - Repair sink and hardware Complete
    - Replace flooring in bedroom's Complete
    - Replace window covering in bedroom and bathroom Open
    - o Replace mattress' and frame Open
    - o Paint bedroom and bathroom Complete
- c. Donations:

- ✓ Parishioner, Jan Howes, would like to make a donation of between \$500-\$1,000 for a needed item for the Church -- her suggestion would be for a handrail at the Altar incline.
  - o Environment Group will look into possibilities:
    - Determined that the incline will have different carpet at that site and a small hand rail will be installed over the next 6 months.

**UPDATE:** Railing installed at Altar incline area.

\*\*Donations by Jan Howes on Seasonal Banners, Hand Rail at Altar incline, and railing at Loft ½ wall.

- d. Suggestion by Mary Mell to replace the chair that Fr. Joe sits on during Mass.
  - ✓ Mary Mell will look into and report back
- e. Suggestion to add to "wish list" repairs to stairwell to basement and basement floor re-finishing.
- 6. Faith Formation: (Debi)
  - a. Confirmation student report: 7 students: 2025: 3 students; (10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sophia Grams, Ryan Riederer, Summer Colsch) 2026: 2 students (9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Brynn Waters, Sabrina TenKley)
  - b. First Communion student report: 2 students -- 1 at St. Mary and 1 at Crucifixion. Adelita will have her Holy First Communion at St. Patrick's on May 4<sup>th</sup>, with breakfast following Mass. Kaylyn Kohlmeier will celebrate at St. Mary's.
  - c. Youth Activities:
    - Steubenville -- so far Brynn, Lily, and Sophia Grams will be attending
    - Brat Fry Memorial Day weekend
  - d. Generations of Faith:
    - Professing our Faith: 2024/2025: Final GOF of season on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Bob Horihan as guest speaker. Debi asked to allow for a \$100 stipend to the guest speaker. In past has been \$50.
- 7. Cemetery: (Karen)
  - a. Cemetery Policy
  - b. Cemetery Boundaries
  - c. Cemetery fence replacement

ACTION: Fr. Vogel and Karen will work together on each of the above areas. ON HOLD

### 8. Other:

a. Debi requested that when providing communion at funerals that the host is brought up to the Choir.

✓ ACTION: Deacon and Father will work to make sure that it is not overlooked in the future.

- b. Mary reported that volunteers must wear gloves when they are handling food at any event.
- c. Mary indicated that a Dish Washer/Sterilizer usage training needs to be provided

✓ ACTION: several parishioners have been trained and are called upon to lead during events

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm

## **Closing Prayer/ Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn by Butch and seconded by Kathy. Carried.