

St. Patrick's Parish Assembly Minutes –November 21, 2013

Assembly Members: G. Zucca (At Large), P. Mazur (Stewardship – Maintenance), M. Thomas-Repcik (Evangelization), M. G. DeStefanis (Prayer & Worship), Marilyn (Cookie) Carroll (Faith Formation), L. Swit (Seniors), S. Washington (Community Outreach), Jim Clark (Ecumenical), Hannah Allard (Youth), Jane Doherty (Ministry), C. McBride (Restoration), Joe Frolik (Communication), K. Wadowick (Staff), Deacon Bill Merriman, and Father Mark.

The meeting opened with the Apostle Creed at 6:30 p.m. Minutes of October 20, 2013 Retreat and Meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Review of Goals for 2014 - Greg Z. synthesized input received from assembly members. The list is intended to be a starting point for identifying specific action items the assembly wants to prioritize for the coming year. Mary Grace D. said goals should be specific, time limited, achievable and realistic. Parish Assembly will decide on goals at next meeting with the understanding that goal list is a living document.

Year of Faith – Kathy W. reported that Bishop Lennon asked that 2 - 3 representatives from each parish attend the closing Mass at the Cathedral November 23. Jane D will attend to represent the Parish Assembly.

Prayer Card – Marge TR reported the St. Patrick Prayer Card will be distributed at all Masses the first Sunday of Advent. Sue W. will take the Prayer Card to people at Franklin Plaza Nursing Home.

Ministry Fair – Calendar Review – Parish Calendar for the first 6 months of 2014 was reviewed. After discussion, Joe F. scheduled the Ministry Fair for Sunday March 30, 2014.

Pastor's Report – Father Mark stated as the Year of Faith comes to a close we need to focus on being leaven to a leaven community. The role of the Parish Assembly is to empower people to preach the Gospel – their God given call –by the quality of the lives we live.

Open Item:

- Parking Lot – Use of Club parking lot by restaurant is being reviewed by two attorneys. Father Mark is waiting for results of review.
- Thanksgiving Dinner – Linda S. reported it went very well
- Mission House – Deacon Bill reported plumbing work in bathroom and kitchen in progress. Also progress made on making building handicapped accessible. Interest expressed in Urban Plunge program by parish in Illinois, St. Edward H.S. and St. Ignatius.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society – Deacon Bill reported St. Patrick has the oldest St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Diocese. Society now emphasizing developing fellowship with individuals served, serving people as we serve ourselves and spiritual formation. Referenced Henri Nouwan's "Spirituality of Caregiving"
- Shared Ministry – Father Mark reported Community Thanksgiving Service will be Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00p.m. at Franklin Circle Christian Church. All encouraged to attend.
- Interreligious Task Force Sale December 1.
- Breakfast with Santa Sunday December 8 after 8:30 and 11a.m. Masses
- Kathy W. and Jane D. expressed concern parishioners may not understand all items in the Bulletin because of the brevity of items. Father Mark suggested using flyers to give more information.
- No Parish Assembly meeting in December.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. Next meeting is Thursday January 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Parish Assembly Agenda – January 16, 2014

- I. Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Minutes
- II. Old Business
 - A. Parish Assembly goals and action items
 - B. Mission House update
- III. New Business
 - A. Ministry Fair planning
 - B. Pastoral Plan update
 - C. Distribution List policy
- IV. Closing Prayer/Adjournment

Proposed 2014 Goals:

- 1) **Prioritize and find ways to continue to support youth ministry – kiddie lit/PSR, youth group (4th – 8th grade), young adults (high schoolers), 20 and 30 year olds. Action: Linda S. reported Golden Shamrocks will work to support Youth Ministry.**
- 2) **Work as Leaven for the Leaven Community to empower, enhance, celebrate and share the living faith experience of the community with an emphasis on reaching out and connecting with young families. Action: Develop Mission House.**
- 3) **Encourage all parishioners to be more welcoming, affirming, and engaging. Initiate 3 evangelization activities including the Prayer Card and one non-liturgical activity with Partner Parishes (St. Malachi, St. Wendelin) e.g. collaborative/non-competitive in-service for various ministries. Action: Marge TR to develop list of possible evangelization activities to discuss with Partner Parishes.**
- 4) **Support leadership development, and strong committees that will develop programs to serve the parish and surrounding community. Actions: Build bridges – create understanding of our diverse parishioners and changing community and identify specific ways to welcome others to our Faith Community. Complete parish email system. Conduct third annual ministry fair.**
- 5) **Support and expand participation in ecumenical/interreligious shared ministry.**
- 6) **Improve church property safety by exploring improving lighting in back parking lot and at side door of club. Also purchase microphone stand for Father Mark at Mass. Action: Jim C. will look into lighting.**