

St. Patrick's Parish Assembly Minutes – February 20, 2014

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 Our Father at 6:30 p.m. Minutes of January 16, 2014 Meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Old Business:

- Mission House update – Deacon Bill reported Bishop Lennon has approved the project and a contractor has been chosen. Linda S. reported the Youth Group did a very nice job on their room and has a fund raising goal of \$1500.00 for work on the house. Thank you to the Youth Group and to volunteers from St. Angela Parish for work on the house. Interest continues from area Catholic High Schools to use space for Urban Plunge program. Catherine M. encouraged group to make the house as energy efficient as possible to reduce future cost.
- Ministry Fair planning – Joe F. reported Ministry Fair is March 30 after the 11:00 Mass. Action - Greg will create a flyer for the Bulletin. Announcements will be made at Mass beginning the weekend of March. Catherine M. said the Balloon Man will be at the Fair. Action - Greg Z. will make list of Ministries with 1 -2 line description of each. Suggestion made that this list be put in Bulletin prior to Ministry Fair so that parishioners can make more informed decisions before volunteering. Action - Joe F. reminded Assembly members to contact specific ministries to encourage them to participate. Planning meeting Sunday March 16 at 10:15 in the Rectory.

New Business:

- St. Patrick's Day event and planning – St. Patrick Day Dinner and Dance is March 1 immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Catherine M. reported tickets are on sale for St. Patrick Day drawing, \$20.00 per ticket. Restoration Committee working hard to make the Mass, Drawing and Brunch a great success. Church cleaning will be March 9, 2014 after the 11:00 Mass. Bishop Roger Gries will celebrate Mass on St. Patrick Day at 9:30 a.m. Action – Catherine M. to have St. Patrick Prayer Card inserted in St. Patrick Day Program so that newcomers to the Parish have more information about our Community.
- Lenten planning – Father Mark reported Ash Wednesday is March 5. Diocesan Confession Day is March 12 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tri-Parish Penance Services will be held at St. Malachi Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m., St. Patrick Sunday March 23 at 2 p.m. and St. Wendelin Tuesday April 1 at 7 p.m.
- Greeters – Marge TR reported more Greeters are needed especially at 11:00 Mass. It is a ministry of hospitality.

Other:

- Email Distribution List – Kathy W. asked about the current status. Action – Joe F. to follow up with Kathy F.
- Appreciation Dinner – Linda S. reported the food was excellent but the dinner was not that well attended. Kathy W. suggested that Father Mark state next year that the dinner is for everyone. Greg Z. suggested we rename it. Joe F. suggested we call it “St. Patrick Family Dinner” – plan to come with your family.
- Lighting on Church Property – Jim C. reported he shared estimates with Ed Kroger and now needs to meet with Father Mark. Ed is in agreement that the time is right to improve lighting.
- Club Parking Lot – Mary Grace D. requested an update on possible agreement with restaurant. Father Mark said it is work in progress. An agreement has been drawn up, reviewed by 3 attorneys from the Diocese but not yet signed.
- “The Joy of the Gospel” - Deacon Bill suggested we all read Pope Francis new book so that we can be exposed to the man who is touching the world. He suggested we could use it for book discussion for parish and for Cluster.
- Gratitude – Mary Grace D. suggested we send a letter of appreciation to former members of the Parish Assembly for their service. Action – She will create this letter.

The meeting ended at 8 p.m. with prayer. Next meeting March 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Assembly Agenda – March 20, 2014

- I. Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Minutes
- II. Old Business
 - A. Ministry Fair planning
 - B. Mission House update – programming discussion
 - C. Report on St. Patrick's Day activities
 - D. Email update
- III. New Business
 - A. Parish Picnic
 - B. Near West Parishes Outreach – Marge
 - C. Huntington Playhouse
 - D. Other
- IV. Closing prayer/adjourn

