



Women of St. Patrick's
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2018
6:45 pm – Boland Hall

Attendance: Amanda Pfeifer, Erin Albers, Jessi Sallenbach, Desiree Macaitis, Tiffany Gray, Pat Adler, Sandy Kosierowski, Cori Ellis, Ally Beck, Jerilyn Kerr, Kerry Brown, Judy Kline, Francie Conrad, Marge Jenkins, Carissa Fisher, Cheryl Osterloh, Ashley Carlisle, Diane McGill.

1. Opening Prayer- Erin read a prayer/reflection.

2. Meeting Minutes Available at Sign-In Table
Please be sure to sign in each month under your circle name.

3. President's Report - Emily Wageman

The Women's Retreat "Renewal in the Light of HIS Spirit" will be held on Saturday September 22nd at Holy Family Shrine in Gretna. The event is open to all members of the Women of St. Patrick's and will include mass with Fr. Tom Fangmann, time for prayer/reflection and sharing, and boxed lunch will be served. This event is free of charge. Additional details will be distributed via email to all members soon so please encourage your circles to participate together. Advertising will also be included in bulletin and on facebook.

4. Vice President's Report – Amanda Pfeifer

Ablaze was held last weekend at St. Patrick's and is a fabulous opportunity to experience Eucharistic adoration. Amanda attended with her circle and other executive board members and highly recommended it. Big thank you to all who donated to the school supply and backpack drive for COPE and Holy Name School, especially St. Dymphna Circle who donated all of their bunko proceeds to buy school supplies.

Circle leader orientation materials are available for anyone who was unable to attend. The executive board continues to work to assist circles that may not have a leader or are not meeting regularly. If you need assistance, please let Amanda or another board member know.

Faith Among Friends will be held on Monday October 8th in the church. This event will be open to all Women of St. Patrick's members and any women of the parish who may be interested in joining. The event will be free of charge with an opportunity for free will donations. The event will feature 3 dynamic female speakers with powerful stories to

share about their journey in faith. The speakers will include: Emily Peters - will share her story as the lone survivor in a car crash that killed her new husband and Hope Center for kids founders, Jen Cordes - will share a powerful testimonial about her trip to the Holy Land, and Jess Koch - will share her story of the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit in her life and the healing of her son. Erin will highlight plans for publicizing.

5. Membership Report - Jessi Sallenbach

Bulletin board outside of Boland Hall is complete. Big thank you to Jess Suing and Cori

Ellis for their leadership and creative genius. We will continue to fill in the word "unity"

with photos throughout the year so be sure to snap and save photos from your circle meetings and events!

Membership Update- Jessi provided circle leaders with an updated list of members who

have paid and not paid dues. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please contact

Jessi to have your list emailed to you. Final notice will be sent to members for a reminder to pay dues. Anyone who has not paid by August 31st will be removed from the

master roster and all communications and will be removed from circle rosters.

Amanda

will send circle leaders a sample email that they can send to their members to explain

the purpose of dues and the end of August deadline.

Circle leaders, please be sure to let Jessi and Erin know if there are members who have dropped out so new members may join. If new members join,

please notify them as well. Some circles now have space, and we continue to work

through optimal circle size numbers.

Current Membership Numbers: 257 paid members, 386 members total

6. Treasurer Report – Desiree Macaitis

The executive board has worked through the first revision of the proposed budget, and it

will be reviewed at the next meeting. Bank account balance is at \$9,089.

Current

budget is \$8,995 for the upcoming year. There is a need to fundraise so that we have

additional funds to carry-over for the 2019-2020 year.

There was a clarification on dues. This year it is a flat fee of \$25 to fund events and programming.

7. Public Relations/Events Update - Erin Albers

T/Shirts and Mugs are available for purchase. Orders/payments can be made online. Please see the links that will be sent out via flocknote for more details. Two styles of green V Neck shirts are available and a pink tumbler.

Erin will be working on PR materials for the Women's Retreat and Faith Among Friends. All members of the parish will receive a postcard inviting them to attend Faith Among Friends and to learn more about the Women of St. Patrick's. This will be an opportunity to draw women in who may be interested in participating but haven't done so yet. In addition, all paid members as of the August meeting will receive the 2018-2019 Calendar of Events magnet via mail with a personal note from the executive board. Those will be mailed out, via bulk mail, next week. As other members join and pay, they will receive a magnet.

9. Unfinished Business

Vote to amend the bylaws to include a \$500 executive board fund was approved. Currently in the by-laws there is a \$300 limit. Over the summer there were needs for the board to donate items to the golf tournament. Amanda motioned to approve, Jerilynn seconded. All in favor.

Vote to approve magnets and mailer expense, which is part of the current budget, was approved. Jerilynn motioned, Kerry Brown seconded. All in favor.

10. New Business

Francie motioned to review fundraiser idea proposals and vote on one to implement at the September Meeting. Carissa seconded the motioned. Proposals to review will include: 1) Cookie Walk at 150th Christmas Concert, 2) Gift Wrapping, 3) Chilli Cook-Off & Cinnamon Roll Event. Amanda and Emily will vet with Jess Pulte to determine that these fundraisers do not exist today for other groups.

Wednesday Night meeting Room Change - still waiting on final confirmation from the Parish Office that we will be have all future meetings at 645 on Wednesday Nights in the Music Room. The Music Room is located on the upper level of the Activity Center, in the South East corner across from the restrooms. Once the change is confirmed, we will update the meeting schedule location on the website and send a reminder to members prior to the September meeting along with a map.

Pat Adler reviewed the flow for RF Parking. Mary McMahon, Director of Religious Formation and Women of St Pats Member, will be providing an updated parking map and instructions soon. These will be sent out prior to the September meeting.

Key highlights:

- Enter the parking lot only via Laramie Road by the soccer fields and follow the flow of traffic; all other lot entrances will be closed
- Park only on the South West side of the parking lot, and along the frontage road
- Cannot park in the first row of the parking lot
- Once parked, get to the sidewalk immediately for safety reasons and do not walk within the parking lot continually has cars dropping off and picking up.

The group brainstormed suggestions to help new circle leaders. Francie suggested passing around a sign-up to have members take turns planning the monthly meetings. Carrie Brown mentioned possible help with creating a Facebook Group, and Erin said she would provide a tutorial.

11. Committee Reports

Carissa Fisher co-chair for Trunk or Treat provided an update. The plan is for entry to be a free-will donation or non-perishable/canned food item as a fundraiser for COPE. Fire Department has been secured to bring the firetruck, costume contest (new for this year) with trophies and Fr. Tom/Fr Moser to judge, new games including Life Size Kerplunk and Operation. Sign-up for trunks, candy and prize donations will come out following Fall Festival. Great opportunity to have at least 40 trunks this year as it will be a parish-wide event.

SoulCore- Upcoming dates include: Saturday, August 11th- 6:30am in the outdoor classroom on the West side of the activity center or Boland Hall pending weather and Monday August 27th at 7pm.

12. Next Meeting – August 1, Location TBA 6:45 pm

13. Closing Prayer- Petitions and prayer led by Erin

Minutes submitted by Amanda Pfeifer, Vice President - August 3, 2018

Our Core Values

The Women of St. Patrick's strives to foster an atmosphere of support and encouragement as we carry out the work of the Holy Spirit in our parish! We agree to live out the following values:

- ***A Spirit of Welcome:*** *We will reach out to all of the women of our parish and welcome them into our community.*
- ***Respect:*** *We respect all opinions and communicate in a way that is respectful and encourages sharing.*
- ***Authenticity:*** *We will be open and honest with each other. We will speak the truth with love.*
- ***Positivity:*** *Negativity weighs down the heart, so we will support each other to stay positive and hopeful.*
- ***Solution Focused:*** *No matter the problem, two heads are better than one. Together*

we will face challenges and focus on finding solutions.

- ***Trust:*** *We will remember that the Holy Spirit is our guide and we trust in the power of the Spirit to help us accomplish our mission!*