

Women of St. Patrick's Church
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2017
7pm – 9pm – Parish Center

Attendance:

I. Circle Updates:

- a. Jen – Grief circle has focused on bringing youth together to create a support group for them. The circle is deciding if the format will remain focused on social activities for kids. Mother of high schoolers meets this Sunday.
- b. Erin, Emily, Mandy – Thursday night is a social for women of the circle and their kids. So far they are receiving positive feedback about the variety of activities offered and hope to have more circle members take ownership of volunteer events. This group will likely splinter off into smaller circles over time.
- c. Nicole – This circle has been meeting for wine and dinner.
- d. Amanda - Their circle is meeting 2x per month. They are up to 18 members – the large group meets once per month, and the third Friday of month is for smaller groups. This circle is interested in helping with Trunk or Treat and/or the St. Nicholas event. They would also like to work with St. Teresa circle on service projects for young kids.
- e. Pat – The Bunco group has met twice and more are scheduled.
- f. Kay – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Book Club – The circle has voted on 12 books to read this year. They are on their 3rd book – The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis. They have added several new members.
- g. St. Jacinta – The rosary group that meets once per month is changing from Tues to Monday every week. They will meet in the adoration chapel on Monday nights from 7pm to 8pm.
- h. Moms of Little's - St. Anns – Two meetings are scheduled. They are planning events that can be done with families and some that are just for moms.
- i. Ashley and Ann – St. Virginia – The welcoming circle met after the new parishioners meeting this month. They will update the current welcome packet and will provide a welcome bag and cookbooks to new parishioners. They have the list for May and June (36 new families!) and will reach out to them based on their interests and provide a point of contact. They may work with Moms of Littles circles for kids to make cards for each bag.
- j. Desiree and Kris – St. Sarah social circle – They have met twice over the summer. Some women want to be involved but it has been hard to find a day/time that works for everyone.
- k. Amber & Lisa – Fitness circles - Quarterly workout classes are being planned at Activity Center. We have enough instructors in the parish to offer them for free. There are two groups consisting of 8 people total and they may combine to form one circle.

- I. Teresa – Bunco– The circle held their first game at the Mark. They are meeting the last Wed of the month for the rest of summer and will switch to Monday nights in the Fall. Jen Maher will check w/ Fr. Tom and send reminder to all members that it is intended only for women of the parish. They also want to expand the group to add 10 more members.
 - m. Francie - Women of Wisdom – St. Sophia – The circle has met twice and they are still deciding what they want to do as a group. The group may not have a set date/time.
 - n. Kelly Hastings & Liz Moylan – Dinner and Wine Circle – There are 6 people in the circle. They have met once and are meeting again next Wednesday.
 - o. Jen Bober – Social Circle – Their second meeting this be this week and they will vote on a name. The date/time will be different each month, and events are scheduled for the next two months.
- II. Alpha presentation - Debbie Schroer presented to the group about the Alpha course and the importance of the meal as part of the program. Alpha is requesting the help of the Women of St. Pat's. They need casseroles/main dishes and desserts on Tuesday evenings from September 5th through November 28 (no meals needed Halloween or Thanksgiving week). The number of participants for the Fall session is unknown but Debbie will forward the signup genius to Nicole, who will forward to circle leaders. There will also be an Alpha course starting Jan 9 through Tuesday of Holy Week, and they will need help with this as well.
- III. Open House List Cross Check – Jen and Emily have gone through the lists and have reached out to everyone who may have been left off to make sure everyone has been reached.
- IV. Membership Update – We are just under 300 members! No significant changes from last month. Please send any additions or deletions from your group to Nicole.
- V. Financial Update – Jen sent around a list of all circle members and dues. If there are questions, please contact Jen Bober.
- VI. Lori Hogan Event – Erin Albers gave an update on the Lori Hogan speaking event. Lori will speak about her personal faith journey as a wife, mother and business leader, about her faith during a dark period in her life, and about her calling from God to focus on caring for seniors. She has written a book called “Strength in the Moment” to help caregivers and will give these away to anyone in the audience willing to share their own story of caregiving. Light refreshments will be served afterward and the presentation will be held in the church on Sunday September 17th at 6:30. Ms. Hogan does not want payment but suggested a free will offering and donations can be directed to the Home Instead foundation to support seniors who cannot afford care. The event is open to all women of the church. Circles will be asked to volunteer to donate cookies.

- VII. Events for next year: The Women of St. Patrick's would like to host 4 events per year: 2 faith based events, 1 social event, and 1 fundraising event. We would like to start planning events now for each quarter of 2018. Circle leaders will solicit ideas from circle members and forward them to Jen Maher before the August meeting. At the next meeting we will vote on events. Possible events for this year include a Trunk of Treat in October and the St. Nicholas event. We will begin exploring this idea now and will schedule planning meetings for anyone interested in getting involved.

- VIII. T-Shirt Order Form: Jen presented sample t-shirts. There are 3 styles and will come in gray. This is not a fundraiser. The order form will be emailed out to group leaders and can be returned to Mandy Busch: mandybusch2012@gmail.com. Cost is approximately \$12 to \$16 depending on the style.

- IX. Stall Talk: Will start doing a newsletter in the women's bathroom stalls. Will have a list of circles, scripture verses, inspirational items, upcoming events, etc. Please use this to promote what's happening in your circle as needed.

Meeting Minutes will be distributed to all circle leaders to send to their teams. They are also posted to the website.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 8th, 2017 12pm in the Parish Center