

Women of St. Patrick's
Tuesday, June 13, 2017
Noon – St. Patrick's Parish Center

- Circles Updates – These will come in a separate email.
- Communication Thoughts – We discussed that many of our leaders have tried multiple times to reach their entire group but have had several ladies never respond. We need to be respectful that some ladies may not be getting the emails (Note: Cox Email addresses have been having numerous glitches intermittently) however, we also want to make sure that if a lady is not truly committed to joining a circle, we can release her spot to another lady. We are implementing a “Rule of 5”. If a leader has reached out 4 times, please contact the Women of St. Patrick's Executive Board by emailing circles@stpatselkhorn.org. Jen Maher will call that parishioner and ask if there have been communication issues, if she would prefer a different circle, etc. We are also in the process of creating “Stall Talk” which will be a sort of Women of St. Patrick's newsletter that can be placed on the back of the restroom stall doors around St. Patrick's. This will have event information, a list of the coi
- Dues Update – Jennifer Bober is currently working through the list of members. She has to cross check each circle with cash and checks received as well as We Share. This is a time consuming process but is nearly complete. We will get a list to each of the circle leaders in the near future showing who has paid. Getting dues in is secondary to getting fellowship started though so leaders should just focus on getting their ladies together and enjoying each other's company!
- Flyers are being made and a Facebook Event is being created to promote the Laurie Hogan speaking engagement this Fall. We will be communicating this and other events through various formats (both electronic and hard copy) to ensure that everyone feels invited. Leaders will be the first to get correspondence so that they can share it with their circles.
- Other “large group” ideas - The goal is to host 4 larger events every year that we could invite all of the ladies of St. Patrick's too and/or use as community outreach or fundraising opportunities. If your circle has a suggestion, please let us know and we will vote on it at our monthly meetings as Leaders and Executive Board. The first suggestion was from Jen Maher. She would like to do an event near Halloween that takes the emphasis off of death/skeletons. She has done this event in the past after her daughter's father passed away and have great success... making it a light and fun event where kids can get dressed up, do crafts and activities and get treats. As a larger group at St. Patrick's we could turn it into a “Trunk or Treat” type event and open it up to the surrounding community. The event has already begun to be organized (Jen & her daughter were planning on doing it solo) so the only requirement from our group would be to have each circle take on a role. The roles could be running a Trick or Treat station, running face painting, hosting a craft station, handling PR, etc. Jen will have a formal plan together to pass out at the next meeting so that you can take it back to your circle members and we can vote on it at the following meeting. If your circle has any additional ideas for events over the next year, please bring those as well.
- We have designed a Women of St. Patrick's Tshirt that we will make available to all Women of St. Patrick's. They will be available in various styles and the prices will range from \$10-\$15. The shirts will not be marked up... they will be sold at cost. An order form will emailed out so that you can take it to your circles to see if anyone wants to purchase one.
- As you are meeting with your groups, please consider taking photographs so that we can share with our community all of the great things we are doing (even if it's just laughing and enjoying fellowship!). Please email your photos to circles@stpatselkhorn.org. IMPORTANT – Talk to your members first! These photos may be shared on our website/facebook page/printed materials. Some ladies are very private and do not wish to have images published.
- Confidentiality – Some of our circles discuss very sensitive and private material. Jerilyn and Michelle and their circle have issued a “verbal confidentiality agreement” so that they have a safe environment to speak freely. If

you think your group needs one and you would like some help creating one, please email us at circles@stpatselfhorn.org

- Open House confusion – We know that some ladies were confused about whether or not they had officially signed up at the Open Houses rather than at Pinot with Purpose or on the Sign Up Genius. Emily Wageman and Jen Maher are going through the Open House sign up sheets and the official sign ups and cross checking. Any lady that signed up at Open House but is not currently in a circle will be contacted personally by either Emily or Jen placed in a circle that works for them.
- Membership Update – We currently have 286 members!!! We have 29 circles and 9 of them are “Full”. What is “Full”? All circles have been limited to 20 members plus their leaders. Some circles have determined that due to the nature of their group, they can accommodate more (for instance Community Service because there are so many opportunities to serve). Circles that have a desire to add more than 20 members should contact the executive Board for approval and then their sign up list can be adjusted accordingly if approved.
- Links – All of the communication links that you/your members may need are on the Women of St Patrick’s webpage (which is on the church site). We would like to always push people to that site rather than a direct link to the Sign Up Genius, etc. It’s just better for us to all get in the habit of going there directly since this will always be the most updated information. To get there, you simply go to www.stpatselfhorn.org and click “Belong” then “Women of St. Patrick’s”. Easy peasy!
- FB Page – The Facebook page can be found by searching “Women of St. Patrick’s” on Facebook.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 11th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. See you then!