

St. Patrick Parish Council Meeting Minutes-6/13/18

Present: Father Mescher, Ernie Kucera, Brad Fisher, Eric Werner, Fran Wall, Maxine Boles & Steph Babinat-Business Manager. Regrets were Eric Werner & Maggie Parks.

Meeting was called to order at 6pm by Father Mike. Father led us in the opening prayer.

The only item on the agenda for this special meeting was to discuss the future of the St. Patrick Festival. Steph has been working with Shayna Zmolek who is on the Festival Committee with a proposal for the council. The proposal was to take a year off of the Festival and try a couple different things. There are many reasons for this request: declining numbers, stagnant profits, 70+ needed for the day of, not enough people on the main planning committee & loss of some key people (ex. Jesina's). The proposal suggested two different options to try this year.

- 1-A campaign around raising "summer" funds for the parish in August. Steph and Shayna will put together a letter/envelope mailing. It will be emailed to the council for final suggestions before being sent out.
- 2-Have a "family fun night" the last Wednesday in September. Families take their kids to RE so it is time we go where they are. The whole parish will be invited for burgers, hot dogs, chips, lemonade. Could have the high school kids serve the food and run some games. Would be a small charge for the meal. This is also another opportunity to bridge the gap between Anglos and Hispanics.

The council discussed other things that we could do instead of the Festival (ex. Ice Cream social, card party, amp up the St. Patrick's Day gathering, potluck, etc).

After discussion it was unanimously decided to not have the Festival this year and try the two options outlined above. The council will be again in September or October and can see how these went and then plan for other small events.

Steph and Shayna will meet next week and put together the letter with the hopes of getting it sent out by the middle of July as that is usually when the ticket mailing was sent. We will also have a script that can be read at Mass.

-Next meeting: Steph and Father will schedule this.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted-Stephanie Babinat, Business Manager