

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
February 20, 2018**

Members Present: Fr. Gene, Rick Kammerer, Joanne Browarsky, Phil Louis, Bro. Bob Politi, Mary Ragland, Madison Kramer, Kacey McAdoo, Don Yelton, Joe Nurre, Michel Keidel

Not Present: Michael Homm, Sheri Curran

Welcome - Prior to the start of our meeting, Kacey McAdoo was introduced as the newest member to join parish council and she shared her background with us.

SFDS Elementary School Report: The open house for the school took place on Jan. 30 and was well attended. There were a reported 15 new families who toured the school.

Lenten Fish Fry is underway every Friday through Lent. The school is always looking for volunteers to either work the fish fry or bring baked goods for dessert sales.

Joanne is evaluating ideas for producing a marketing brochure that would tout the many benefits of educating children at St. Francis DeSales School. Michel Keidel offered to give her some support in moving this project forward.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Gene reported that we are in fact a growing parish as 60 people have joined us over the last year.

The HELP program now has a 15 passenger van for transporting individuals to and from work assignments. Amazon has indicated that they will hire HELP members if we can provide transportation.

Rick Reynolds will be stepping down from the finance committee and we will be looking for a replacement. Fr. Gene has some ideas for replacement but has not approached anyone yet.

Religious education will begin on Sunday, April 8th beginning 9:30 to 10:30 AM. We have hired Allie Brizzi to direct the program, plan the lessons, and educate the group. Classes will take place in every Sunday of the normal school year schedule.

Old Business

Plans for the volunteer fair were firmed up at this meeting. We decided to treat the month of April as volunteer month by encouraging folks throughout the month to consider offering their support and volunteer to serve on a parish committee. This will be done by:

- Firming up the date of the Parish Volunteer Fair to be April 22 in the school cafeteria.
 - The fair will be conducted in a similar fashion as last year with individual tables for committees and sign-up sheets
- Bulletin inserts need to be prepared for Sundays in April to remind all of the fair
 - Phil Louis will prepare something using the insert content of last year
- On April 8th and 15th, various parish council members will staff a volunteer table in church after the Masses so that individuals that can't make the fair will have the opportunity to sign up.
 - I think Don, Mary and Kacey indicated they could staff the table, but I don't feel we firmed up that schedule yet for both dates and masses
- Current volunteers will be recognized at Mass with a blessing on April 15 or 22
 - I'm not sure if we decided which week would be best???
- Also, for this year Phil will reach out to committee leads to see if they are seeking more volunteers. If they are well-staffed, they do not need to attend the fair.

New Business: Don Yelton clarified that he and Ann will be managing the Parish Picnic in August, but at the same time, they would welcome support in breaking in future picnic planners which would allow Ann & Don to step down when the time is right for them in the future. **Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting Tuesday, March 20, 2018.**