

**St. Francis de Sales Parish**  
**Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting**  
**April 17, 2018**

**Members Present:** Fr. Gene, Rick Kammerer, Phil Louis, Bro. Bob Politi, Kacey McAdoo, Don Yelton, Sheri Curran, Joanne Browarsky, Madison Kramer, Donna Griffith

**Not Present:** Michel Keidel, Mary Ragland, Joe Nurre, Mike Homm

**SFDS Elementary School Report:**

Joanne reported:

- The school has received a capital improvement donation/challenge of up to \$5,000. The donation will match whatever is collected from parishioners up to \$5,000 for cafeteria floor replacement.
- The school could still use volunteers to help with the schools walkathon as "block watchers".
- School concert will be held in church on May 2 at 7:00 PM.
- Kenny Pope will host a Virtus training class at SFDS School Cafeteria on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor's Report:**

Fr. Gene reported:

- Easter attendance was good with over 1,000 attending Mass.
- Xavier University extended an invitation to buy a booth at their Cincinnati Festival of Faiths Fair. After discussion it was decided that it was not necessary for the parish to participate this year
- April 22 will be community dinner at the Muslim mosque
- On May 8 there will be Muslim dialogue meeting and pot luck dinner in school cafeteria
- Religious education classes will begin on Sunday, April 22

Donna Griffith provided a report for Parish Council on the Catholic Calvary Cemetery which is connected to our parish.

- The cemetery is run by elected members from St. Francis
- It was started in 1865
- There are 2 full-time and 2 part-time paid employees
- The cemetery is interested in negotiating for more land for expansion

Don Yelton provided a summary from the finance committee indicating that the financial position of the parish is strong. The 2 primary sources of parish income, collections and weddings, are both up in first fiscal quarter over the previous year's comparable period.

**Old Business:** Plans for the Volunteer Fair were reviewed and finalized

**New Business:** Possible dates for the annual Parish picnic were reviewed. It was decided to hold the picnic on Sunday, August 19. The welcome-back picnic for St. Francis DeSales School will be on Saturday, August 18.

**Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018.**