

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
February 6, 2019**

Members Present

Fr. Gene, Bro. Bob Politi, Joanne Browarsky, Mike Homm, Donna Griffith, Joe Nurre, Phil Louis, Sheri Curran, Rick Kammerer, Don Yelton, Todd Chamberlin, Michel Keidel, Kacey McAdoo, Madison Kramer

Not Present

Mary Ragland, Michaela Buccini

School Report:

Family engagement nights and the family spirit is really taking hold at the school. Both staff and families are buying in. 74 parents and students, representing 21 families, were in attendance on a week night. This is the third family engagement event this year and participation has been good for each event.

Winter math testing has just taken place for the school. These are given as a measure of academic achievement from year to year and the results of the school numbers were up over last year at the same time.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Gene reported that:

- Repairs are being worked on in the church in relation to a leaks that occurred in the last few months
- Flood lights will be installed on the roof of the former bank building to light up the church facade at night.
- Overall, the parish is doing well as we start 2019

Website Report

Phil Louis reported:

- A design prototype was shared with pastoral council to review the proposed site that Diocesan is building.
 - Links were shared for the prototype and input from those review was passed on to Diocesan to make some adjustments
 - Once those are approved, the website will be built and current content will be migrated to the site.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2019

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
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After reviewing the normal monthly agenda at this month's Pastoral Council meeting, we, the pastoral council, initiated a discussion regarding a long range planning strategy related to the state of our parish as well as the overall Catholic Church. We all understand there are many important issues that we all must recognize and plan for as changes take place in the future.

At St. Francis, we all feel blessed to be a part of a great parish community under the leadership of Fr. Gene and the many members of our parish. We feel it is important to communicate to all parishioners that as your Pastoral Council, we need to begin developing a framework for what the years ahead look like and discuss possible strategies to transition and keep our community thriving.

To this degree, we touched on topics related to:

- What will be the future lay structure within our parish?
 - Might we have a lay brother or sister as a parish administrator
- What role does the Diocese play in some of the strategies that will develop?
- What are Fr. Gene's plans in terms of the next couple years
 - What resources will be available when Fr. Gene retires?

We are publishing the agendas of our discussions so that all members of the parish will be aware of what is happening now as well as any possible future moves. We are initiating this discussion regarding a very important transition, and to that end, we invite everyone to submit insights or suggestions, along with prayer, so that we will be prepared with a concrete action plan when the time of Fr. Gene's retirement arrives. Our aim is to move forward as an adult Marianist community in collaboration with the Society of Mary as well as the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

We will provide more info and detail regarding all options as this discussion moves forward in the upcoming months. Please pray with us that we will be open to the inspiration of the Spirit.