

Parish Council Minutes

4.21.20

Present: Joanne Browarsky, Michela Buccini, Father Gene Contadino, Sherri Curran, Donna Griffith, Rick Krammerer, Phil Louis, Kacey McAdoo, Joe Nurre, Stephen Pohlman, Brother Bob Politi, Mary Ragland, Don Yelton

I. Standing Reports

a. School Update (Joanne Browarsky)

- i. March 17: deSales was already scheduled to be closed because they did not take a traditional spring break, instead did a spring pause. This was their last day in the building.
- ii. Prepared the following Tuesday a packet for the students to complete over a three-week period of time and a distance learning plan.
 1. Did a packet pick-up, they had art materials, and food
- iii. Staff has done an excellent job coming together and making this happen
- iv. Reassessed on April 6 and decided to go all digital
- v. They were in a good position since they are a blended learning school
 1. Worked with Comcast and Spectrum to get families WiFi and made sure that everyone had a device at home that was not just their cell phone
- vi. Sent a digital progress report to families and gave feedback to students regarding their use of participation in the online format as well as tracking usage in reading and math.
- vii. How do we show support to the teachers- Joanne welcomes any suggestions.

b. Pastor's Report (Father Gene Contadino)

- i. Father Mike and Brother Paul's Arrival
 1. It will be up to Father Mike and the Parish Council to create the structure of the parish.
 2. Both Father Mike and Brother Paul are committed to working with the parish regarding how we would like our community to continue with their guidance.
 3. Beginning in May Father Mike will begin to get to know the brothers he will be living with as well as the parish.
- ii. Wants to move the PPC into an effective governing body
 1. PPC will become more of a place where effective decisions are made- that way we are getting away from the pastor being the only person that will make the decisions
- iii. CISE Action
 1. 50% of the CISE contribution to our school will be cut
 2. In the history of Catholic education, the parish has supported the school. SfD\$ will need to reconsider financial support of the school since it will be affected by the CISE cut
- iv. Repairs
 1. Elevator in Mercy Neighborhood Ministries- under reconstruction. About \$40,000 to repair.

2. Scaffolding- People who take down the scaffolding were there on 4.21.20. Their personnel have been cut, so it will take longer than expected for those to be taken down
 3. Purchased a stair chair for the rectory. \$4,000 for the chair.
 4. Ramp: Architect drawing, waiting a stamp from the city saying it is okay. Will be a major operation that will probably take some time to complete. If the church is in session- that entrance near the school will be torn up and will not be able to be used.
- c. Calvary Cemetery (Donna Griffith)
 - i. Property acquisition is almost complete.
 - ii. Now it is demolition and removal of the homes that are on the property.
 - iii. The wall that is there now will also be taken down in order to open up the property.
 - d. Finance Committee (Don Yelton)
 - i. PPC needs to show approval on expenditures greater than \$5,000 unless it is an emergency situation.
 1. This will adapt to the recommendations from the audit
- II. Old Business
- a. Strategic Planning Summary (Phil Louis)
 - i. 35 total surveys from parishioners.
 - ii. Common threads will be discussed by PPC once we are back together and know what the upcoming year will look like for the parish.
 - b. Transition Celebration Committee Update (Phil Louis)
 - i. There will be a celebration once we are allowed to gather again.
 - ii. This may be after Father Gene officially leaves- but we will be sure to celebrate.
 - c. Parish Council Transitions for 2020-2021 (Phil Louis)
 - i. Rick Krammer, Mike Holm, and Sheri Curran stepping down
 - ii. An e-mail will be sent out to the parish to gauge interest- Parishioners should contact Father Gene or Phil Louis if they are interested in joining PPC.
- III. New Business
- a. Parish Picnic
 - i. This is the time of year that we start discussion about parish picnic, however, we are not sure when a parish picnic would be able to happen.
 - ii. We may have to cancel for this year.