

SFds Parish Council Minutes

8/18/20 7:00 pm

Present: Fr. Mike Nartker, Phil Louis, Brother Paul, Bob Miller, Steve Pohlman, Mary Ragland, Bro. Paul Hoffman, Bonnie Davis, Brother Bob Politi, Fr. Gene Contadino, Joe Nurre, Donna Griffith, Tori Vogelgesang, Madison Kramer, Bob Miller, Wilson Willard, Kacey McAdoo

- I. Father Gene opened the meeting with a prayer
- II. HELP Program Update – Bob Miller and Wilson Willard
 - a. The HELP programs thanks you for every donation and contribution
 - b. New partnership with St Francis De Paul in FYE 2020
 - i. Upward to Work Classes
 1. Life skills and work training
 2. Added being “transportation independence” as a goal at graduation
 - a. Purchase auto / bus line / carpool are transportation options
 - b. HELP is accepting car donations
 - c. Launched “adopt a month” fundraiser
 - i. Adopt of month of fuel or transportation costs
 - ii. Adopt a month of expenses
 - d. OneSource performed an assessment on the organization as a whole
 - i. Sustainability plan
 - ii. Strategic plan
 - iii. Preparing and creating an improved database of information to produce metrics
 - e. Launching a staffing agency to fill a revenue gap as a grant is being lost next year
 - f. Relaunch DISMAS Journey Task Force with Archdiocese
 - g. Renew a concerted effort to move the graduates from day wage earners to the higher level of employment.
 - i. Finding long term partners for filling roles
 - h. Ongoing opportunity for members of parish to become board members, mentors
- III. Standing Reports
 - a. School Update – Joanne Browarsky
 - i. No update - Getting ready for the start of school
 - b. Pastors report – Father Gene Contadino
 - i. Art Mural is finishing up
 - ii. The ramp is taking a little longer than expected
 - iii. Brother Bob Renewed his vows last week
 - c. Finance Committee – Don Yelton via Phil Louis
 - i. July 1st started the new fiscal year
 - ii. Going forward there will be an actual vs budget financials provided to Parish Council
 - iii. Increased transparency
 - d. Calvary Cemetery - Donna Griffith
 - i. Progressing on the property improvements
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Strategic Planning – Phil Louis and Steve Pohlman
 - i. Check out the Parish Strategic Plan and feedback form
 1. https://stfrancisds.com/strategic_plan/

V. New Business

a. Parishioners information and communication

- i. We will consider a subcommittee to review & improve inter-parish communications.

They would consider the following:

1. Updating parishioner list
2. Emails, Phone numbers, addresses
3. Ways to reach out to members
4. Database platform options

b. Retreat Opportunity – Rev. Mike Nartker

- i. Fr. Mike suggested an introduction to Marianists roots through an individual that is involved with the Saragossa retreat program