

Parish Pastoral Council

February 16, 2021

Present: Joanne Browarski, Michela Buccini, Donna Griffith, Brother Paul Hoffman, Phil Louis, Kacey McAdoo, Father Mike Nartker, Joe Nurre, Brother Bob Politi, Mary Ragland, Tori Vofelgesang, and Don Yelton

I. Standing Reports

a. School Report – Joanne Browarski

- i. Entering into recruiting season- created a virtual open house and a video
 1. Showcases the school during an active school day
- ii. Beginning to look at next year's school calendar and budget
- iii. Would like to launch another Facebook campaign
- iv. Staff will be fully vaccinated on March 3, 2021
- v. Looking at feasibility to resume full instruction
- vi. Spring Break
- vii. MAP Test

b. Pastoral Team Report- Father Mike Nartker and Brother Paul Hoffman

- i. East Wall and Rose Window work continues on schedule
 1. Window work is done
 2. Starting on the painting
- ii. Working on Holy Week schedule and adjustments that need to be made due to COVID

c. Calvary Cemetery- Donna Griffith

- i. No new report

d. Parish Finance Status Report- Don Yelton

- i. At the February 11, 2021 meeting of the SFDS Finance Committee the reports attached were reviewed to make observations of the trends in the differences between our income and expenses in the current fiscal year with the prior fiscal year.
- ii. Please refer to the FY2021- 3 Year History plus YTD Comparison Prior Year
 1. Look at Columns 5, 6 & 7 in the Parish Fiscal Year History & YTD Comparison Report.
 - a. Column 5 shows in the current Fiscal Year that YTD Expenses for the Parish are \$60,975.32 higher than in the prior fiscal year. Most of the additional expenses were spent on Buildings and Grounds (\$115,052.92) and in particular the new Ramp for the side entrance to the church.
 - b. Column 6 shows our Prior Fiscal Year to Date and at this time last year Parish Income exceeded Parish Expenses by \$77,274.92 Most of the higher Income in our prior fiscal year came from Sunday & Holiday Collections, Interest & Dividends, and Weddings.
- iii. The Report for SFDS Grade School compares the Actual Income and Expenses with the YTD Budget. The actual deficit of Income less Expenses was \$38,406.87. Much less than the budgeted deficit of \$274,036.19 Most of the additional Income in this fiscal year came from the actual amount collected for Ed Choice vouchers \$436,318.75 compared to the budget of \$325,000.
- iv. The last report is the Quarterly Account Status Report which tracks our cash on hand for the Parish and the School at the end of each calendar quarter. The finance committee calls your attention to the total balance of \$6,401,404.56 on March 31, 2020 with the total balance of \$6,087,439.09 on December 31, 2020. Because you will see the \$313,965.47 reduction.
 1. The finance committee is very concerned about these trends. As a result members of the committee will prepare revised Cash Flow projections for the balance of the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021. And for the full fiscal Year from July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022.

2. Kathy Selker reported that on the days when SFDS students are on campus they are served 2 meals.
3. Bob Maly gave an update on the problem with the phone system. The supplier of the phone system reported that the existing telephones will no longer be repaired or replaced. But they will support the telephone hub system. An inventory of the working telephones indicated that we have enough extra telephones to maintain the system at this time. As a result the finance committee does not recommend replacing the telephone system.

II. New Business

a. Purcell Athletics Facility Update- Andy Farfsing- Principal of Purcell Marian

- i. Gilligan's Funeral Home reached out to Purcell Marian to let them know that they are downsizing and asked if Purcell would be interested in purchasing the property
- ii. Three alumni and a friend of Purcell donated the money to pay for the property and demolition
 1. Property is the funeral home, parking lots, community garden, and a home next to the community garden
- iii. Movement on the property/demolition would begin in June 2021
- iv. Could infringe on a row of parking for St. Francis de Sales
- v. Put out a call for proposals for an architect firm and engineers to come and give an exact frame of the project
- vi. There would be a wall constructed on DeSales and Woodburn to keep balls inside the field and due to a downslope
- vii. Bleachers would be on the Purcell Marian school side
- viii. Field would be facing the other way than it currently does not (Perpendicular to the church parking lot versus parallel)
- ix. They want the field to represent the integrity of the neighborhood- using Summit Country Day as a model
- x. What is driving this?
 1. Safety of students- they are currently driving and walking to other fields to practice
 2. Opportunity to have a home field- Purcell Marian is one of the only Catholic high school in Cincinnati that does not have a homefield
- xi. Would like to share the space with SFDS grade school as well
- xii. Questions/Comments for/from Andy Farfsing
 1. Wondering about enrollment and ability to field a football team:
 - a. It is not just a football field. It will also allow for soccer and other sports as well knowing that football is a declining sport in high schools. Enrollment is steady and they are hoping to increase enrollment- but stay around 400 students. Financially Purcell Marian is doing well and they have a sound financial operating model.
 2. How will St. Francis de Sales be incorporated in this vision so it is still "DeSales" corner and not Purcell Marian corner? How will St. Francis de Sales continue to fit within the vision?
 - a. Would like to engage St. Francis de Sales School on the committee and a part of the decision-making process. The highlight of the neighborhood is the church- so they do not want to lose that.
 3. Losing parking is a major concern with taking over a row of parking, this being now an event space, with no additional parking. It is also concerning that they would lose an exit. Can the engineers look at these situations?

- a. It could take over the driveway closest to the field, but they currently do not know the exact dimensions. Hope that they could replace some of the parking that they are losing- but they will need to get creative.
4. What would we do about weddings and parking?
 - a. If you have a homefield then football games are on Fridays. That should not interfere with Saturday weddings, but it could interfere with rehearsals.
5. St. Francis deSales church would not be financially responsible for any of the cost.
6. Will someone on the church be a part of the planning committee?
 - a. Father Mike and two parishioners who are a part of the Purcell Marian board.
7. Everyone will be in the know before anything happens.

b. Formation of New Committees- Phil Louis

- i. The Parish Council had a discussion regarding two new SFDS committees. One would focus on parish communications and the other would focus on topics of interest that might provide valuable insights to parishioners related to spiritual enrichment and community events. More details will follow.