

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

5.18.21

Present: Joanne Browarsky, Michela Buccini, Bonnie Davis, Donna Griffith, Brother Paul Hoffman, Madison Kramer, Phil Louis, John Mitchell, Father Mike Nartker, Joe Nurre, Mary Ragland, Lawrence Rentz, Brother Bob Politi, Tori Vogelgesang, Don Yelton

Standing Reports

I. DeSales School Report- Joanne Browarsky, Principal

- a. It is hard to believe we are counting down the final ten days of the school year! The return of Dragon Olympics last week was a huge success. Scholars participated (edited to not say competed) as classes, not as families this year; 8th grade ran the events. Shoutouts at the end of the day (very cool) culminating with 8th grade/staff competing as *teammates* in a water balloon toss. It was an extremely positive culmination to the year.
- b. We will celebrate our first of two, Closing ALL School masses on Friday; it will be the first time the school community has gone to mass (as a whole) all school year. We are really looking forward to gathering in prayer one last time this school year, in celebration of the successful completion to a challenging year; we will also celebrate our 8th graders and extend a special blessing over them.
- c. Graduation luncheons, graduation, Pre K and Grade 8, Last Day of School surprise, oh my!
- d. End of Year Meeting with staff on June 2, both a looking back and a looking forward (which we will continue in August); I intend to take the staff through an exercise to discern what were changes that came because of COVID, they would like to see become standard practice/remain for the 2021-2022 school year? Positive outcomes of this school year they would like to see continue
- e. 7th grade has enrolled their last student and this grade is at capacity. The enrollment trend is leaning towards the positive side.
- f. Finally, as I believe I reported last month, Dragon Summer Academy will be in building this summer, June 7 - July 2. A quality (targeted) and affordable summer school program housed on our own campus, taught by our own faculty members, for our own students. We see the value in providing four additional weeks of targeted instruction - especially this year - to both combat the potential learning loss as a result of COVID as well as to offer a positive alternative to remediation

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

- a. COVID Thoughts:
 - i. Waiting to hear from the CDC and Archdiocese regarding guidelines and the mask mandate. People who are not vaccinated- we ask that you still wear a mask in order to keep our community safe even if/when the mask mandated is lifted since this is ONLY lifted for those who are vaccinated.
 - ii. COVID guidelines will also guide what we do at the sign of peace and for the Eucharist.
 - iii. Awaiting advice from the CDC on the pews and social distancing
- b. Audio at the 5.16.21 Mass
 - i. Apologies that there was no audio at mass on 5.16.21
 - ii. This should be working for mass on 5.23.21
- c. Planning to continue the 5:30 pm mass on Wednesday- but this is considered a weekday mass come June 6, no longer recognized as a "Sunday" mass
- d. We will continue to encourage those who are not vaccinated to wear a mask in order to help keep our community safe.

III. Parish Finance Status Update- Don Yelton

- a. Loss on both school and parish
 - i. Income at the school is estimated to be \$250-300K short of expenses for this year

1. The Parish and the school are working together to see how the parish can support each other as we move forward and recover from COVID.
2. We will be looking at building a parish education committee for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - ii. Church Revenue: estimated loss of \$100K
 1. This is the result of lower revenue from
 - a. Dividends and interest lower than previous years
 - b. Lower 2021 collection income
 - c. Lower income from weddings
 - b. Steps a being taken to offset the expected short-falls for this year from parish reserve funds.
 - c. Planning for both the school and the church are being done to tighten budgets for next year and also working with outside resources to determine areas of eligible funding that the school could qualify for.

IV. Calvary Cemetery- Donna Griffith

- a. We will be doing a blessing of the new wall.

Old Business

I. 2021-2022 Parish Council Positions

- a. Welcome new members John Mitchell and Lawrence Rentz!
- b. Farewell Brother Bob Politi! You are going to be missed on Parish Council.
- c. Phil Louis will continue as Chair starting in August- but we are still looking for a new Chair of Parish Council.
 - i. This was approved by a vote from Parish Council

II. Liaison from Parish Council to the HELP Program

- a. This position is still open if someone is interested in being a representative on Parish Council.
- b. Great opportunity for anyone who is interested in joining Parish Council- Let Phil Louis know if this is something you are interested in being a part of and in joining Parish Council.

III. HELP Needs an Additional Van- Suggestions were made as to how SFDS could support fund raising effort?

- a. Options
 - i. Collaborating with other parishes that the HELP Program is affiliated with to help fund a new van.
 - ii. Matching fund drive: SFDS could offer to match funds or parishioners
 - iii. This is being reviewed to gather more information on status of van fund raising effort.

IV. New Business

I. Parish Picnic

- a. The Parish Council would like to have a parish picnic
 - i. Looking into options to make sure we are following COVID guidelines to keep our community safe.
- b. Committee- Will set a June meeting for discussion
 - i. John Mitchell
 - ii. Mary Ragland
 - iii. Father Mike Nartker
 - iv. Brother Paul Hoffman
 - v. Bonnie Davis
- c. Dates: Looking into August or September

Parish Council will not be meeting during the months of June and July.

PPC will begin to meet again on August 10, 2021