

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
August 10, 2021**

Members Present

Fr. Mike, Bro. Paul, Joanne Browarsky, Kacey McAdoo, Donna Griffith, Joe Nurre, Phil Louis, Lawrence Rentz, Holly Schwein, John Mitchell, Donna Griffith, Don Yelton, Tori Vogelgesang

One note of significance... This was the first, in-person parish council meeting since February of 2020 and it took place in the school cafeteria.

School Report:

Joanne reported that the 2021-22 school year will begin on Aug. 18th.

The slogan or theme of 2021 is "All In" as all students and teachers will be attending live classes, 5 days per week. Normal activities are expected to begin and that is exciting news. At this point, the Archdiocese has indicated that schools are on their own to decide on mask policies for their teachers and scholars.

Additional good news is that the entire faculty is returning, and student enrollment is up over last year. Enrollment is currently at 218 students. The state of Ohio has also increased the student allocation for Ed-Choice tuition reimbursements. This will have a positive impact on tuition income for this school year. Facility improvements were made to the basement hallway of the school and the pre-school room also was renovated.

On Saturday, August 14, there will be welcome lunch for SFdS faculty, scholars, and their family to kick off this school year.

Pastoral Report:

Bro. Paul reported:

- Debbie Day, the Parish Bookkeeper, will be retiring at the end of August
- Ruth Trentman has been hired to replace Debbie and also pick up additional responsibilities related to the school and church. She will be the new full-time Business Manager for SFDS and will start on August 16 and work with Debbie to transition into the new role.
- Bonnie Lee Davis, our Parish Office Manager, will be off for a period of time as she will undergo surgery and recuperating afterwards. Additional volunteer help has been arranged to assist in covering for Bonnie. We wish Bonnie a successful surgery and speedy recovery. Her services will be missed!

Cemetery Report

Donna Griffith reported that The Calvary Cemetery expansion is completed. This expansion came about through the purchase of several properties adjacent to the cemetery. There will be a dedication ceremony in September and information will be distributed in the weekly bulletin.

Finance Report

Preliminary budget reports for 2021-2022 fiscal year were presented by Don Yelton. We are behind in the budgeting process due to turnover and transition issues with our Finance Committee. With Ruth Trentman beginning on August 16, meetings will be arranged to finalize the budget for this fiscal year and re-establish the structure and timing of reports that are provided through our Finance Committee.

At this point, what can be reported is that for fiscal year July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021:

- Sunday contributions donations were down \$80K compared to prior fiscal period
- Interest income was down 32 K compared to prior fiscal period
- Wedding income was up 6K compared to prior fiscal period
- The parish applied for a PPP loan for 278K which we received, and which was forgiven by the Federal Government (*the term used by the Federal Government when they determine an organization does not have to pay funds back to the lender*)
- School expenses were 82K higher compared to prior fiscal period
- The school received a higher than budgeted Ed-Choice reimbursement. We received 230K more than was budgeted. This was due to reports earlier in the year when COVID had started that Ed-Choice funds would be lower than expected. Fortunately, that was not the case.
- Overall, the projected parish loss for the past fiscal year is \$35,359 based on the most current year-end financial reports. While this is a loss for the year, it was much lower than originally projected. Obviously, the PPP loan and the Ed-Choice reimbursement played a big part in substantially reducing our revenue loss

The statements behind these preliminary numbers will be available soon, as we orient our new Business Manager and restructure the Finance Committee. With COVID, the past fiscal year has been disruptive to all aspects of our lives and at SFdS we have had some disruption to process. It is understood that we need to repair some organizational structure and establish a recovery strategy that is both realistic and financially sound. In the upcoming fiscal cycle, we will not have the added plus that the PPP loan brought to the parish this past year. Fiscal responsibility needs to be a priority in future planning efforts.

Old Business

It was reported that HELP is well on their way to raising enough money to fund the purchase of an additional van for transporting individuals to and from work.

The athletic facility/field at Purcell Marian High School and no plans or timelines for the project have been finalized at this point.

New Business

Current COVID policies were reviewed in relation to our parish community. At this point we will continue to encourage un-vaccinated individuals to wear masks when attending Mass. All others are encouraged to do what they are most comfortable with in terms of masking and practicing social distancing.

The current structure of Parish Council and the Finance Committee will be reviewed. Also, the formation of an Education Board for the support of school is under consideration. Parish council members are reviewing suggestions from the meeting to determine how to best meet the needs of the church, school, and parish community and allocate resources properly through these committees.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Location: School Cafeteria