

St. Francis de Sales Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 9/14/21

Members present: Phil Louis, Don Yelton, John Mitchell, Lawrence Rentz, Brother Paul Hoffman, Fr. Mike Nartker, Donna Griffith, Holly Schwein, Joe Nurre, and Mary Ragland

Welcome to Ruth Trentman, SFdS new business manager, who attended the meeting.

School Update- Joanne Browarsky not present to give report as she is recovering from Covid. School has had a rough start due to spread of Covid and the need to replace the 4th grade teacher who took another job. The Assistant Principal has been able to cover during Joanne's absence.

Pastoral Report- Brother Paul reported that Bonnie, our office secretary has been out for four weeks recovering from knee replacement surgery. Many thanks to Anne Lovell for organizing and scheduling the volunteers who have covered for Bonnie. The memorial mass scheduled for October 9th for Denny Johnson will be private per Roberta's request due to ongoing Covid concerns. Purcell is putting together a scholarship in his memory and will organize a memorial gathering when deemed safe. Finance council met last Thursday with new members John Mitchell and Ruth Trentman. Fr. Mike continues to work on the sound/speaker issue in church with the sound company.

Finance Committee-Don Yelton reported that Bill Franz has agreed to remain on the committee with John Mitchell, Ruth Trentman, Brother Paul and Fr. Mike. A report will be available in the bulletin in October.

Cemetery Update-Donna Griffith reported that the blessing of the Cemetery took place on September 12 with about 20 people present. The area looks great with the improvements made.

Purcell-Marian Stadium Project Update-Phil Louis reported that an agreement was mapped out with Principal Andy Farsing to protect the limited available parking spaced during wedding rehearsals and ceremonies. The need to hire someone to monitor parking during weddings was discussed as well as reserved signs.

Education Commission Update-Phil Louis reported on the need to get this going since the Archdiocesan audit last year revealed we are out of compliance with this. Joanne agreed to organize this but Covid has caused a major delay in being able to meet and get this going. It will consist of the Principal, 1-2 parents, 1-2 parishioners, 1-2 teachers, and a PPC liaison. A charter will need to be developed.

Beacons of Light Update- Phil, Fr. Mike and Brother Paul attended the Archdiocesan meeting that explained the process. There are 210 parishes that will be divided into 60 Parish families due to the priest shortage and low mass attendance. Pastors will be informed of the parishes they are paired with at a meeting on September 29th. Principals will be informed on September 30th of the schools they will be paired with. Once that is revealed there will be three weeks of feedback allowed before final groupings are decided. Fr. Mike will inform us as soon as he knows. Council felt a Parish Town hall may be the best means of getting the information to the parish. Copies of a well written article in the Enquirer will be included in the bulletin to help explain the process. Phil will also make announcement at both masses.

Annual Contribution to SFdS service organizations was discussed. The Archdiocese has to approve anything over \$25,000. Would like to distribute some of the money donated in Fr. Tom Bokenkotter's name to the four social justice organizations, the HELP program, Mercy Neighborhood Ministries, The Center for Respite Care and Mary Magdalene House for capital improvements. Further discussion and investigation needed.

Meeting adjourned with motion by John Mitchell and seconded by Mary Ragland
Minutes submitted by Mary Ragland