

St. Francis de Sales Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Present: Phil Louis, Father Mike Nartker, Brother Paul Hoffman, Don Yelton, Joe Nurre, Lawrence Rentz, Donna Griffith, Holly Schwein, Ruth Trentman, Mary Ragman (Remote) and Joanne Browskey (Remote).

The meeting of the Pastoral Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Phil Louis.

Brother Paul opened the meeting with prayer.

Rolling Reports

School Update

Joanne updated Council regarding the current status of the school. She stated that her report is mostly regarding the school's staff. The staff retreat from last Thursday and Friday (October 14-15) was a success. She and staff lead the process on Thursday, and they had a successful team-building day on Friday. This all took place at Camp Joy. Three staff members are currently out of the building due to COVID issues. Joanne has extended an offer to a 4th grade teacher replacement who needs to relocate to Cincinnati, which will not occur until the end of November. All information that was to be submitted to Al Grote for his review and advice has been sent to him for review. Joanne stated that she is very interested and wants to be involved with the new Education Council and would like to help recruit members to it. The school will have a lockdown drill tomorrow and is coordinating with Purcell Marian to ensure that both are working in unison in case of an actual emergency. The Hoxworth Blood Center was on campus today for a blood drive organized by Purcell Marian. Halloween will be celebrated on Friday, October 29. She is happy how the school is proceeding in general. Student COVID cases are down. At the end of the report, Phil indicated that Tori Vogelesang will be leaving Pastoral Council and to serve on the new Education Council. It was decided that a first meeting of the Education Council take place on Thursday, November 4 in the Rectory Undercroft.

Pastoral team Report

Bro. Paul reviewed the following item:

- The parish is in the process of identifying a I.T. consultant to address technology issues. John Mitchell has identified one candidate he will be in contact with. Terry Meinking has also suggested a Purcell graduate who would be very interested in offering his services to the parish. His name will be forwarded to John for consideration.
- In the very near future, due to the small attendance at the Wednesday evening mass and the projected high energy costs this winter, the Wednesday 5:30 P.M. mass will be moved into the rectory living room and dining room. This used to be a practice of Father Ed Jach when he was pastor.
- It appears that the current adjustments to the sound system in church are successful and the ability for everyone to hear has improved.
- With the Flying Pig Marathon being rescheduled for Sunday, October 31, the parish will cancel the 8:30 A.M. mass and will only have one mass at 11:00 A.M.
- Today, we held a good-bye and thank you lunch for Debbie Day as she retires from being business manager for the parish. She will continue to volunteer in the office two days a week.
- Aegis has completed the security camera work for the cameras around the parish property.
- Bonnie Lee Davis is making good progress as she continues to heal from her knee surgery and is increasing the time that she comes into the office. She does a great deal of parish work from home.

Parish Finance Status Update

John Mitchell now chairs the Finance Council. Ruth Trentman, the new parish/school business manager is a member and attends the meetings. The Finance Council wants to establish a charter for its proceedings and

John Keegan has begun work on this project. Ruth and Bro. Paul are addressing matters identified in the recent Archdiocesan audit of the parish. Income from weddings appears to remain consistent. More work is required regarding offering a large financial gift the “Service To Others” ministries. Consultation with the Archdiocese will be necessary regarding this. A subcommittee to further study this matter may be necessary. Father Mike, Don Yelton, and Ruth Trentman will address this. Finance Council has agreed to post in the bulletin once a month the collection status for the given fiscal year to inform the parish where collections stand at a given point in time.

Old Business

Beacons Of Light Update

As most are aware of, the initial proposed list of “Families of Parishes” has been released to all in the Archdiocese and all are free to make their comments and concerns regarding this configuration of families known to the Archdiocese by the Archdiocesan website or in the cards that are in the church pews. The written comments will be forwarded to the *Beacons Of Light* office. Comments were made regarding other parishes that St. Francis de Sales could be grouped with. Everyone is encouraged to offer their input and ideas regarding the best arrangement for our parish.

New Business

Pam Baker from Universal Church Directories offered a presentation regarding the service they can provide to create a new parish photo and information directory similar to the previous SFdS directory from 2012. She offered helpful information regarding a directory phone app where family pictures & information can be found. She said that she would work with a group of parishioners to do the scheduling for family photos to be taken. She stated that such a directory is not an expense to the parish but is paid for by the families who purchase their family photos. For the most part, Council was in favor of proceeding with this project but to schedule it towards the spring of next year. Holly Schwein volunteered to recruit and organize volunteers to help with this project.

Do We Need Kneeler In Church Pews?

Phil Louis and Father Mike stated a few individuals have raised the concern regarding the church not having the kneelers installed in the pews. It is believed the kneelers were placed in the church basement when they were removed years ago as many kneelers are broken and the padding is worn out. For the most part, there have been no complaints regarding not having kneelers in the church. There is the question if all the necessary parts to reinstall them are available. Father Mike will look further regarding this matter.

Fr. Tim Kenney-January Discussion With PPC

Bro. Paul stated that he met with Father Tim Kenney, Assistant for Religious Life for the Marianist Provincial office. Fr. Tim is planning to visit SFdS from January 6-11. During his visit he would like to meet with our Pastoral Council regarding the parish and the current status of *Beacons Of Light*. Parish Council offered to meet Fr. Tim on Monday, January 10 at 7:00 P.M. in the school cafeteria. Bro. Paul will communicate this plan to Father Tim.

Bro. Paul mentioned that Father Tim feels the Marianists have a good relationship with the Archdiocese and with Archbishop Schnurr

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the school cafeteria. This meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bro. Paul Hoffman, S.M.
Recorder for the October Meeting