

1/10/22 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Fr. Mike Nartker SM, Brother Paul Hoffman, Fr. Tim Kenney, SM, Phil Louis, Ruth Trentman, Bonnie Davis, John Bruening, Donna Griffith, Holly Schwein, Lawrence Rentz, Don Yelton, John Mitchell, Joe Nurre, Joanne Browarsky, and Mary Ragland.

Opening Prayer: Brother Paul

Welcome to new Finance Council member John Bruening who will be coordinating overall facilities issues with his role on the Finance Council.

Welcome to Fr. Tim Kenney, SM, Assistant Provincial of the Marianist's who oversees Parish Life (the meeting was scheduled to accommodate Fr. Tim's visit to the parish).

The meeting began with an address by Fr. Tim who last visited the parish in February 2020 to announce the assignment of Fr. Mike and Brother Paul to the parish in August of 2020 following Fr. Gene's retirement. He proposed the question for contemplation, How is our parish different from other parishes as a Marianist parish? Our mission is to support the Mission of the Catholic Church in the spirit of Blessed Chaminade and Adele and their example of team work. The team work style of the Marianist's is lived out in our parish by Fr. Mike and Brother Paul, the Marianist community and the laity.

Fr. Tim requested that we update the job descriptions of Pastor and Parish Administrator by March in that they are a new model of leadership for our community.

He also talked about the Beacons of Light process and how that aligns with the Marianist mission at SFdS. The original assignment of Fr. Mike and Brother Paul was made without knowing about the Beacons of Light program and was for three years with a review and possible extension of three more years. A written commitment of that plan is to be submitted to the Archbishop by January 31. Although there are a lot of unknowns with the BOL process he counseled us to stay positive moving forward and to stay committed to our six social justice programs which have been very successful.

He also reminded that the six priorities of the Marianist Provincial Leadership are: to promote a Marian based spirituality, to promote a sense of diversity, welcome and inclusion, to focus on youth and young adults. He did note that the Marianist's will only stay in a parish if they can maintain their charism.

School Report: Joanne Browarsky

Joanne reported that the school staff and students have stayed focused on Perseverance, Perspective and Prayer, rooted in Family Spirit to survive this challenging school year with Covid. The 7th and 8th grade had to go remote this week due to staff testing positive with Covid. Hard decisions were made to make the winter parent teacher conferences remote as well as the Open House to keep everyone safe. The Feast of St. Francis de Sales on January 28 will be the kick-off for Catholic Schools Week.

Pastoral Report: Brother Paul

We had a successful Christmas season with the 4pm Christmas Eve service having about 260-300 attendees. The numbers were down for the 10am masses on the Feast of the Holy Family

and the Sunday after New Years. The Founders Day gathering with coffee and donuts after both masses went well on Sunday, with many staying to greet Fr. Tim. Would like to start some more smaller gatherings, like the salad suppers for lent and mass in the Purcell chapel. We will only be live streaming the 8:30 mass going forward to encourage and increase in mass attendance. A walk through with the Facilities Committee will be done to create a new list of priorities for the upcoming year. We will be collaborating with a Post Vatican II class of Xavier University students who want to participate in parish life.

Finance: Don Yelton

A revised statement of the purpose of the Finance Committee was posted on our Website. Encore technology will complete an analysis of the tech needs of the parish. A preliminary discussion of declining receipts of holy day collections and how to increase overall collections with lowered mass attendance.

Cemetery: Donna Griffith

Ron Hubbard has done a fabulous job as superintendent of the Cemetery and is in the process of putting back tombstones that had to be removed for the construction process.

Beacons of Light Update: Fr. Mike

A letter was received today that Fr. Mike distributed. The process won't begin until July 1st when all the pastors will be in their assigned places.

Parish Directory: Holly Schwein

The dates for taking pictures are Saturday April 23 11-4 and Sunday April 24 10:30-4 and Tuesday June 7 2-8pm. The pictures will be taken on the stage in the school cafeteria. A save the date will be in the bulletin as well as a letter sent to all parishioners.

New Business: Mary Ragland

Mary proposed that we start discussions about the benefits to our community of having just one Sunday mass at 10am. Although there is some support for it by Fr. Mike, council members were not in favor at this time. The parish survey done last year indicated that those who responded were in favor of two masses on Sunday.

Copies of the Strategic Plan were passed out to new PPC members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Ragland