

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 4/19/22

Members present: Holly Schwein, John Bruening, John Mitchell, Don Yelton, Mary Ragland, Brother Paul Hoffman, Fr. Mike Nartker, Jim Gutterman and Julie Rentz (guest presentation)

Opening Prayer for Ukraine: Brother Paul

**Presentation by parish member Julie Rentz on the Kilimanjaro Mission of Hope and Outreach in Tanzania** of which she is the Education coordinator. She would like SFdS to partner in some way with the Diocese of Moshi which administers this program to broaden our global social action impact. Some of her ideas were for the SFdS grade school kids to be pen pals with the school there, for parish members to sponsor a seminarians education which is about \$1000 year for 9 years. The council members suggested a bulletin insert at mass to inform parishioners and speak about it at mass to gauge parish interest. It was also suggested that she meet with members of the Marianist Spirit Committee which oversees our other six social justice ministries.

**School Report:** written report submitted by Joanne

- Today we return from a short Easter Pause and send home third trimester progress reports; with that parent communication comes the final stretch of the school year!
- We look forward to celebrating "Dragon Week" next week, which made its debut last year and we hope becomes an annual occurrence. Similar to Catholic Schools Week or a school spirit week, centered around our mascot, the Dragon, and our school mission and motto: Rooted in Faith. Achieving Excellence. Serving Others. We will publish the highlights in the bulletin:-)
- We look forward to the return of the annual Spring Concert, the first since 2019. Still TBD whether we will open up to the Parish, only because of capacity. But will hopefully stream on May 10. Scholars will also take their third and final round of MAP testing that week.
- We are looking to fill both our kindergarten and fourth grade positions for the 2022-2023 school year. Please help us spread the word! And share my email as contact information for any interested applicants to please forward their resume.
- Just 29 days of instruction left in the school year! We are continuing to make every minute matter and end the school year on a strong, positive note.

**Pastoral Team Report:** Brother Paul reported that Holy Week services went well and were well attended. Mass attendance has gradually increased since February. The communion cup was brought back for Easter Sunday masses. There will be no more intinction (dipping the host) with the cup because there is an Archdiocesan policy against the practice. Brother Ed Longbottom has suggested a speakers program on the Vatican II teachings and Brother Paul has a contact with Matthew Moder, and XU Professor, who teaches a class on it and may be interested in a presentation here. The

Pastoral Team is also working on providing monthly home visits to parishioners who are unable to attend mass but would like the sacraments and some companionship.

**Finance Report:** Don Yelton

There was a meeting with Ruth Trentman, Fr. Mike, Don and 3 members of the Archdiocesan Finance Team to provide structure and guidance for the Fr. Tom Bokenkotter Fund for Social Justice. They suggested moving the funds from the Archdiocese Green Certificate program to the Catholic Values Long Term Investment Fund to earn a better interest rate. They suggested distributing 4-5% of the fund (\$146,500-\$183,200) each year to approved ministries. The finance committee will meet on Thursday to discuss and also finalize the parish budget which will be presented at the May 10 PPC meeting.

**Parish Directory Update:** Holly Schwein

Approximately 70 parish members/families have signed up for pictures. Volunteers making calls to parish members to tell them about the directory is also helping to update the roster.

**Church Roof Repair Update:** John Mitchell/ John Bruening

The church and the rectory need expensive and extensive repairs. John Bruening is leading the task force on this project and is waiting on the third quote that the Archdiocese requires for projects of this size. All the quotes will be presented to the Finance Committee and a company will be engaged to begin repairs as soon as feasible since leaks in the church and the rectory are causing falling plaster.

**Parish Social Event:** Mary Ragland

A discussion held at the last meeting produced a date of June 12 to have a parish social event to welcome everyone back to church after a long Covid absence. A sign up in church produced several people who were interested in organizing this. Don Yelton (and Ann Saluke) agreed to get the group together and tell them about their long time experience organizing the parish picnic and the info gathered about the canceled ice cream social

**Audio Video Upgrade:** John Bruening

The church sound system and online streaming of masses and weddings are out of date and not working consistently anymore. The quote from one company was for a \$16,000 audio upgrade and a new camera package for \$10,600. Everyone agreed that it was necessary to pursue this project and the finance committee will discuss and see how it impacts the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Ragland

