

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
August 16, 2022**

Members Present

Bro. Paul Hoffman, John Bruening, Phil Louis, Holly Schwein, Don Yelton, Lawrence Rentz, Lee Burroughs, Scott Gueterman

Not Present

Fr. Mike Nartker, Donna Griffith, John Mitchell

Parish Council Updates

Scott Gueterman volunteered to take the Secretary position.

SFDS Elementary School Report:

Joanne Browarsky reported:

- First day of school for scholars is Wednesday, August 17 with one of the highest opening day enrollments of 238 students. 61 are new scholars including 13 preschoolers and 10 new kindergarten students.
- A new fourth grade teacher was hired along with 6 other new staff members.
- We now have assigned, numbered staff parking spots.
- We will introduce new drop off and pick up procedures, as well as shift our bus drop off to Woodburn to accommodate the future parking lot/field construction.
- We adopted the hashtag #thriving to kick off the 2022-2023 school year. Chosen after two plus years of surviving the impacts of COVID.
- We intend to start the school year strong, positive, and continuing to ensure the safety and success of all of our scholars. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, and know that you are frequently mentioned by name in ours.

Pastoral Team's Report:

Bro. Paul reported:

- A prayer service for Ukraine with a guest speaker presentation was held at SFDS on May 31st.
- Members of the parish have provided generous donations in support for Ukraine.
- The Ice Cream Social event in June was a success.
- The July 6th Storm caused damage to the Steeple.
- Purcell Marion stadium construction will begin soon. The impact to parking will be communicated to the parish.
- Mass attendance has been down over the summer months. Parish Council discussed forming a subcommittee to address parish growth.

Old Business

Parish Directory

Holly Schwein reported 165 members are confirmed. Another communication will go out to members of the parish to confirm contact information and request permission to include in the directory. The target is to have a printed directory by December.

Audio Visual Project

John Bruening reported the contract was signed with ICB for the audio and video streaming upgrades.

Finance Report

Don Yelton submitted a proposal to council to approve The Reverend Thomas Bokenkotter Social Justice Grant be offered to the six service agencies associated with the parish. Multiple Grants will be awarded yearly with one Grant per organization and will range from \$5,000 to \$30,000. Parish Council approved the Grant proposal and the six service agencies will be invited to apply for funds.

New Business

Capital Repairs

John Bruening reported significant storm damage to the Steeple is causing water to leak inside. Insurance is expected to cover the damage caused by the storm. John Bruening and Phil Louis are working with contractors to get 3 bids for the Steeple and Roof repairs.

Habitat for Humanity

Bro. Paul reported a new request was made to support Habitat for Humanity. They will be invited to a future Mass to make an appeal.

Recruitment of Additional PPC members.

Parish Council would like to recruit more members to include a diverse representation of the parish.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 20th, 2022.