

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
November 15, 2022**

Members Present

Fr. Mike Nartker, Bro. Paul Hoffman, John Bruening, Holly Schwein, Scott Gueterman, Phil Louis, Lee Burroughs, Jim Vogt.

Not Present

John Mitchell

SFDS Elementary School Report:

Joanne Browarsky emailed the school report for November. See separate attachment.

Pastoral Team's Report:

Fr. Mike and Bro. Paul reported:

- Brother Longbottom has returned to the SFDS Community.
- Bro. Paul reported there has been more contact within the local Marianist Community including Bro. Ron and Bro. Flaherty at Moeller High School.
- Bro. Paul reported Mass attendance numbers are up. October attendance was 919 compared to 685 for September. October attendance was higher compared to October last year.
- RCIA is on Thursday evenings at 7 PM.
- Scripture study started with good attendance. They are scheduled on the first 3 Sundays of November and December at 12:30 PM in the Undercroft.

Finance Report

John Mitchell was not present to report.

Calvary Cemetery

Phil Louis reported the cemetery has its own budget. There was general discussion if a rolling report is necessary. John Bruening will follow up with Ron Hibbard.

New Business

Parish Directory

Holly Schwein reported the proof copy of the parish directory was submitted with corrections. The final Photo Directory should be available in December or early January.

Audio Visual Project

John Bruening reported that not all of the equipment for the audio and video streaming upgrades have been received yet due to supply chain issues. Work is to begin once the remaining equipment is delivered.

Sewer Line from Stadium Construction

John Bruening reported that the construction crew uncovered a crushed sewer line that runs from the Church and original school building under the stadium site. The estimated cost to repair is \$500K. Further discussion will be had with Purcell Marian High School.

Steeple Repairs

John Bruening reported the final bids to repair the Steeple were submitted to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. There will be a follow up meeting with the Archdiocese.

Sub-Committee

Jim Vogt submitted a report to Parish Council outlining recommendations from the sub-committee that has been meeting to discuss increasing Mass attendance.

The recommendations in the report include:

- Making personal contact with those who stopped attending Mass.
- Survey this group to get insight as to why they have not returned.
- Survey members that do attend regularly to get feedback.
- Focus on the families that had children baptized this year and got married at SFDS.
- Create a Parish Worship Commission to focus on the liturgical experience.
- Reach out to the local residences in the neighborhood with a welcome kit.

There was a general discussion on the recommendations.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 13th, 2022.