

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
January 17, 2023**

Members Present

Fr. Mike Nartker, Bro. Paul Hoffman, John Bruening, John Mitchell, Scott Gueterman, Lee Burroughs, Holly Schwein, Susan Vogt, Jean Bange, Mary Kishman.

Rolling Reports

Worship Commission

Susan Vogt, Jean Bange and Mary Kishman attended to report progress on the Worship Commission.

- The stated purpose is to enhance our liturgies through being a welcoming community, proclaiming the Word well, engaging music & prayerful atmosphere.
- Fr. Mike and Susie Schickel want to stay informed and may attend a meeting when their input would be relevant to the agenda.
- Members so far include Susan Vogt, Jean Bange, Mary Kishman and several other parishioners have expressed interest.
- The Commission is looking to include an 8:30 Mass participant, a choir member, a young person and someone of color.
- Tentatively holding the first meeting on February 19 between the 8:30 and 11:00 Mass.

SFDS Elementary School Report:

No school report was submitted before the meeting. After the meeting the school newsletter was emailed to the members of Parish Council.

Pastoral Team's Report:

Fr. Mike and Bro. Paul reported:

- Bro. Paul reported Mass attendance numbers for November and December.
- December attendance was slightly lower than November with an average of 97 at the 8:30 Mass and 111 at the 11:00 Mass.
- 276 people attended the Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass.
- We continue to see new people in church.
- We want to promote the Catholic Ministries collection. Commitment Sunday is February 5.
- We will be hosting a staff lunch for the S-8 Beacons of Light family staff on Wednesday, February 1. It is an effort to stay connected to our family of parishes in light of being independent.
- We are excited to have Bro. Tom Redman with us on Saturday, January 21 for the Everything Marianist program.
- We plan to do a volunteer appreciation lunch on Saturday, February 18 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Parish Finance Report

- John Mitchell reported that year to date the parish is close to budget.

- CISE funding is helping with the school budget.
- The 2023/24 budget planning starts in January.

Calvary Cemetery

- Bro Paul reported he spoke with Larry Pauly who was president of board. Jack Boyle is the current board president.
- Calvary Cemetery has its own board independent of the parish although there are members of SFDS parish on the board.
- The parish does not have jurisdiction over the Calvary Cemetery board.
- John Michell is welcome to attend meetings to observe. He would not be a voting member.
- They are looking at various projects for temporary fencing and repairing/replacing the Duck Creek wall that was hit by a truck.
- They are operating with a small endowment and limited resources at this time.

New Business

Church Bulletin

Bro. Paul reported the Church Bulletin will start to include weekly collections. He is working with Bonnie on the format and updates to the Bulletin.

Sewer Line Repair

John Bruening requested a vote to contribute \$140,000 to the sewer line repair. Purcell Marion would be responsible for the remaining costs. Parish Council approved the proposal.

Old Business

Steeple Repair

John Bruening reported the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will provide \$250,000 for the Steeple repair. John is meeting with another contractor that specializes in church Steeple repairs to get another bid.

Sound System Update

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.

Clock Light Repair

John Bruening reported that he repaired the light that was out on the steeple clock.

Plaster Repair

Phase 1 of the interior ceiling repair started on January 17.

Parish Directory

Holly Schwein reported the parish directories are available to members that got a photo taken or provided a photo. Members have access to an app. Holly will get the link to the app for members to download.

Social Justice Fund

John Mitchell reported the 6 service agencies were invited to apply for the Social Justice Fund. 5 of the 6 agencies submitted applications. Grants will be awarded in the May timeframe.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7PM.