

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
February 21, 2023**

Members Present

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

Rolling Reports

SFDS Elementary School Report:

The education commission report was submitted via email before the meeting. Council discussed having a school representative attend parish council meeting going forward.

Pastoral Team's Report:

Fr. Mike and Bro. Paul reported:

- Ken Cornish will be visiting as a liaison for the Beacons of Light to address any questions.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held on Saturday February 18 was successful.
- Over the past couple of months, we have instituted the practice of recognizing and blessing of those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and newly registered parishioners on the second Sunday of the month.
- On the third Sunday of the month, we pray for vocations. We find these good ways to recognize parishioners and bring awareness to the need for vocations.
- Bro. Paul reported Mass attendance numbers for December and January.
- Average weekly attendance was 207 in December and 169 in January.
- Lent begins on Wednesday February 22. March Wednesday masses will be at the chapel at Purcell Marian with the Salad and Sandwich Suppers to follow in the atrium area.
- The Fr. Tom Bokenkotter Awards will be presented on Sunday, March 5 at both masses. We will have coffee and donuts on that Sunday.
- The Marianist General Administration will be visiting the community and parish from March 11-13. They will be with us on Sunday March 12.

Parish Finance Report

- The funds approved for the Sewer repair are being processed for payment.
- The new Wi-Fi for the rectory and office was installed by Encore Technologies.
- Social Justice Grants totaling \$99,590 will be awarded to the 5 agencies that applied on March 5.
- Phase 1 of the interior ceiling repair is complete.
- Weekly collections are now being published in the bulletin.
- Year to date the parish is on budget. CISE funding has had a significant impact.
- The 2023/24 budget planning is in progress. A draft budget will be presented in May.

Calvary Cemetery

- John Michell plans to attend a Calvary Cemetery board meeting to observe. The next meeting date and time needs to be confirmed.

Old Business

Worship Commission

Mary Kishman reported progress on the Worship Commission.

- The first meeting was held on February 19.
- Ideas were discussed on providing input to homilies, developing themes for Lent and special occasions like Veterans Day.
- Discussed engaging people that attend Baptisms and Weddings.
- Discussed having committees for both the 8:30 and 11:00 masses.
- Outreach calls will begin to a list of 125 parishioners.

Sound System Update

John Bruening reported that equipment is still on back order. Work can begin at the end of April if enough parts are available.

Steeple Repair

John Bruening requested a vote to approve the Steeple Roof Repair bid from Imbus Roofing.

Parish Council voted yes to approve the bid to not exceed \$1.1M.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati will contribute \$250,000 for the Steeple repair.

New Business

Louver replacement

John Bruening reported that he will seek bids for replacing the louvers in the Steeple.

Recruitment of additional PPC members

Parish council discussed recruiting additional members to serve and will check if there are bylaws written on the number of people that should be on council.

Interior Light Repair

John Bruening reported that he ordered 8 interior light fixtures that needed to be replaced inside the church.

School/Church Garden Area Planting

Lee Burroughs is seeking input to plant a new garden in the area in front of the school cafeteria along Madison Road. He is seeking input from a City Park Board Arborist for native trees to plant.

He is also looking to replace the trees taken out in front of the old school building. A Butterfly Garden is one of the ideas being considered. Council discussed the idea of the new garden being an Eagle Scout project. Mary Kishman has a Boy Scout contact to reach out to.

Meeting Adjourned.

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