

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
May 23, 2023**

Members Present

Fr. Mike Nartker, Bro. Paul Hoffman, John Bruening, John Mitchell, Scott Gueterman, Mary Kishman, Holly Schwein, Ruth Trentman, Gail Miller and Deanna Spatz.

Not Present

Lee Burroughs

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Bro. Paul led Council with an opening prayer.

Budget

John Mitchell and Ruth Trentman presented the 2023/24 budget to approve. Three separate budgets were prepared for the Parish, School and the school cafeteria. The overall budget has a surplus of \$92,000. John Bruening provided 5-year facilities plan that has been incorporated into the budget.

Parish Council voted unanimously to approve the 2023/24 fiscal year budget.

Rolling Reports

School Report:

Bro. Paul provided the minutes from the May Education Commission meeting. Highlights from the meeting include:

- The closing All School Mass was held on May 18. We celebrated our graduating 8th-grade scholars at graduation on May 25.
- SFDS Values Awards are presented at the end of the year to scholars in each homeroom who best model the school values of faith, integrity, perseverance, respect and service. Unique to 8th grade graduation we present an additional St. Francis de Sales Award.
- 96% of the school's graduates attend Catholic High School. The highest amongst all CISE schools.
- The Education Commission board for 2023-2024 will be: Chair Tori Vogelgesang, Vice Chair Joe Nurre and Recorder Bro. Paul Hoffman.
- In the coming months there will be an effort to recruit SFDS parishoners to be members of the Commission. A notice will be placed in the parish bulletin.

Pastoral Team's Report:

Fr. Mike reported meeting with Ken Cornish and Fr. Jan Schmidt regarding Beacons of Light. Although St. Francis de Sales is grouped into a family it remains independent as Marianist parish. Fr. John Klobuka, a Marianist Priest from Holy Angels in Dayton, OH will fill in when Fr. Mike is away on retreats. There are discussions to use SFDS as a live-in site for Marianist Vocations.

Calvary Cemetery

No update to report.

Old Business

Audio Video Project

John Bruening reported that the sound system upgrade work is mostly complete. The new camera for the live streaming and rear monitor will be installed on May 30th. The live streaming will move to YouTube after the upgrades.

Steeple Repair

The scaffolding work has started. John Bruening reported there will be a meeting after Memorial Day to plan the next steps of the project.

School Roof

John Bruening reported the plan is to start the school roof replacement work on July 1st. The contractor is scheduled to make final measurements.

Mulching

John Bruening proposed June 17th as the date to mulch the landscape areas around the church and school. June 24th is a rain out date. An announcement will be made after mass to recruit volunteers.

New Business

Steeple Lighting and Electrical

John Bruening is getting pricing for 48 light fixtures and electrical work for the attic, basement and inside the steeple tower. Some of the current lighting and electrical is not up to code.

Banners for Scaffolding

Two banners will be hung on the scaffolding for the duration of the steeple repair period. The banners advertise that St Francis de Sales is open during construction and will have Mass times and a QR code to scan. John Bruening provided a sample for Parish Council to see what the banners will look like.

Open Discussion

Holly Schwein reported there is an App available for the parish directory. This information needs to be shared with those that ordered a directory.

Gail Miller shared information about Federal Grants that are available for Green initiatives from organizations like Green Umbrella.

Gail Miller and Deanna Spatz noted there is not a list of members or a contact for Parish Council. There is a committee section on the web site. There was discussion to update the parish website and bulletin with contacts for the various committees and ministries.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7PM.