

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
September 19, 2023**

Present

Fr. Mike Nartker, Bro. Paul Hoffman, John Bruening, John Mitchell, Scott Gueterman and Holly Schwein.

Not Present

Lee Burroughs and Mary Kishman

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Bro. Paul led Council with an opening prayer.

Renewal Committee Update

Holly Schwein updated Parish Council on the activities of the Renewal Committee.

There will be a 5th Sunday event in the school cafeteria on Oct 29th. It will be a Potluck for food and a presentation is planned after the 11 AM mass.

The Renewal Committee would like to focus on social events and is proposed renaming itself the Social Event Committee. They are going to meet with the Marianist Spirit Committee to discuss the committee's purpose.

The next meeting is Dec 3rd.

Audio Video Update

John Bruening provided an update on the new sound system. A lot of work has gone into optimizing the settings. There are adjustments happening to the choir mics at weddings. The choir mixing board may need to be replaced. There was discussion to lock the settings and not allow individuals to make adjustments. A 3rd party sound consultant has been engaged to provide an assessment of the acoustics and sound system in the church.

Steeple Update

John Bruening reported there has been good progress on the steeple project. Tiles are being removed and replaced in sections starting from the top. There is a project meeting every two weeks with the contractor Imbus Roofing.

Revote on 2023 Projects

John Bruening brought a motion for council to vote again on 2 capital improvement projects. This was voted on in the August meeting before members of Finance Committee were fully briefed.

- \$16,880.00 to Flannery Painting for painting and staining the church exterior doors and all 5 vestibules.
- \$74,408.60 to Old World Plastering and American Scaffolding for plaster repair and scaffolding in the church interior.

Parish Council voted to approve the 2 projects.

Projects Awaiting Proposals

John Bruening provided an update on the capital improvement projects that he is getting proposals for.

- Tower louver replacements
- Masonry repair Steeple area
- Rectory Roof
- Electrical/Lighting upgrade for Tower

Finance Committee

John Mitchell will provide a budget update during announcements at both October 1 masses.

The Spirit Committee is preparing to invite the six Social Services ministries to apply for the Social Justice Grants.

Parish Updates

Fr. Mike reported the parish has been excluded from some of the Beacons of Light activity due to the independent status of SFDS.

Bro. Paul provided updates on parish events.

- Catechetical Sunday was a success with good teacher turnout and with coffee and donuts in the school cafeteria.
- Gloria Sweet is our new business manager and is fitting in well.
- Ruth Trentmen was recognized at mass for her valuable service to the parish.
- St. Francis de Sales School has been in session for a month and it has been a successful start to the school year.
- The teachers hired from St. Joseph School which closed appear to be adjusting well in their new positions.
- The opening of Staubach Stadium at Purcell Marian and the following home football games have not caused us any parking interference.
- Monthly campus meetings have started.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7PM.