**St. Francis de Sales Parish**

**Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting**

**October 17, 2023**

**Present**

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

**Not Present**

John Mitchell

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Bro. Paul led Council with an opening payer.

**Renewal Committee Update**

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

The Potluck Brunch and Learn event will be in the school cafeteria on Sunday, October 29 after the 11:00 A.M. Mass. Mercy Neighborhood Ministries is presenting. There are flyers and sign-up sheets in the Church.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd.

**Audio Video Update**

The sound system adjustments have been completed and optimized.

Monte Brothers Sound conducted testing of the church acoustics and an evaluation of the sound system. A report has been provided with recommendations and a proposal for improvements. The report and proposal are being reviewed by members of Parish Council.

**Steeple Update**

John Bruening provided updates with photos of the steeple project. About one quarter of the copper tiles are now in place. A lot of the damaged wood has been replaced. Council discussed providing a project update with photos in a future bulletin to update members of the parish. John will provide an update on the estimated project completion date.

**Revote on Electrical Project for 2023**

John Bruening requested a motion for council to vote again on the 2023 Electrical project. This was voted on in the August meeting before members of Finance Committee were fully briefed.

* $12,747.00 to SCHON Industrial and Wooley Electric Supply for lighting and electrical work in the church tower, attics and undercroft.

Parish Council voted to approve the project.

**Projects Awaiting Proposals**

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

* Tower louver replacements – Designs are being reviewed. The louvers need to be replaced while the scaffolding is in place.
* Masonry repair Steeple area – Repair to cracks in the joints. Repairs need to be completed while the scaffolding is in place.
* Rectory Roof will be pushed into next year

**Social Justice Fund**

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

**Parish Updates**

Fr. Mike shared the Beacons of Light Deanery Convocation dates. Staff of the Pastoral Center will speak to the role of the council in pastoral planning.

Bro. Paul provided updates on the parish:

* Mass attendance was up in September over August.
* Gloria Sweet is our new Business Manager and is fitting in well.
* Brother Jean Dossous Appeal raised $700 on Sunday, October 15.
* Father John Klobuka will begin to preside on Sunday, October 22 and will be with us about once a month.
* Taste of Mercy Neighborhood Ministries is on Sunday, October 22 from Noon to 2:00 P.M.
* The Potluck Brunch and Learn will be on Sunday, October 29after the 11:00 A.M. Mass.
* World Mission Sunday Collection will be on Sunday, November 5.
* Two Concert Events that will be held in the Church:
  + Vienna Light Orchestra on Thursday, November 9 at 4:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.
  + St. Rose Music Society Christmas Concert on Friday, December 17 at 7:30 P.M.
* All Saints Day Mass on Wednesday, November 1 at 5:30 P.M. in Church.
* All Souls Day Service on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 P.M. in Church.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

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