

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

**Present**

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

The Potluck Brunch and Learn event held on Sunday, October 29 was a success and well attended. The committee is looking for a volunteer to organize the next event. Parish Council discussed presenting an update on the capital improvement projects as a future Brunch and Learn topic.

The next Renewal Committee meeting is scheduled for December 10th.

**Worship Commission Update**

Mary Kishman updated Parish Council on the activities of the Worship Commission.

There were 2 lector workshops held that resulted in adding 5 new lectors.

A greeter seminar is scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>.

There will be future workshops offered for Eucharist Ministers and Mass Servers.

There was a discussion on whether to restore the Children's Ministry.

**Audio Video Update**

The improvements to the sound system are noticeable. There is flickering issue on the rear monitor that is being looked at. Adjustments are being made to choir mics during weddings.

**Steeple Update**

John Bruening provided an update that the project is going well and he is pleased with the progress so far. The scaffolding height will begin to lower as work is completed at the top of the steeple.

**Vote on Steeple Masonry work**

John Bruening requested a motion for council to vote on the proposal from Imbus Roofing for masonry work on the steeple. A copy of the proposal was provided for review.

The cost is \$151,107 to do the masonry work where the scaffolding is setup. The proposal includes cleaning and treating the steeple limestone. The mortar joints will be sealed with high-grade caulking.

The proposal was reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

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 – A proposal is being reviewed to replace the wood louvers with new manufactured Aluminum louvers.
- Rectory Roof repairs will be pushed into next year. The insurance claim payment was received.

## **Social Justice Fund**

The Marianist Spirit Committee is preparing to invite the six Social Services ministries to apply for the Social Justice Grants. The amount will be similar to last year with up to \$100,000 per grant. Debbie Young is the committee chair.

## **Beacons of Light**

Fr. Mike shared that the 5 characteristics of a Marianist Parish is our Mission Statement and that as a parish we are ahead in the Beacons of Light pastoral planning process.

## **Parish Updates**

Bro. Paul provided updates on the parish:

- October Mass attendance was up by 334 this year as compared to last year.
- The Vienna Light Orchestra concerts on Thursday, November 9 went well and were well attended.
- The St. Rose Christmas Concert will be on Friday, December 15 at 7:30 P.M.
- Sophie Krumm will be having a violin recital on Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 P.M. in church.
- The St. Francis de Sales School Concert is on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 P.M.
- It appears that daily parking has not been an issue and all of the property entities are satisfied.
- Father John Klobuka seems to be received well by the parish the two Sundays he has been with us. He enjoys it.
- The Issue 1 matter was a difficult one to maneuver last month due to the emphasis placed on it by the Archdiocese. We got through it ok.
- Thanksgiving Eve Mass on Wednesday, November 22 at 5:30 P.M. in church.
- Immaculate Conception Eve on Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 P.M. in church.
- During Advent on Wednesdays starting December 6 through January 3 we will gather in church. Mass begins at 5:30 P.M. and Eucharist Adoration will be after Mass and ending with benediction at 7:00 P.M.
- Gloria Sweet has transitioned well into her position and the Pastoral Staff.

## **Open Discussion**

John Bruening and Scott Gueterman discussed relocating historical photos from the undercroft to the parish library

## **Meeting Adjourned.**

**Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 7PM.**