

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

**Present**

Bro. Paul Hoffman, John Bruening, Scott Gueterman, Holly Schwein, Lee Burroughs, Mary Kishman, Jim Voght, Susan Vogt and Gail Miller.

**Not Present**

Fr. Mike Nartker, John Mitchell

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Bro. Paul led Council with an opening prayer.

**Renewal Committee Update**

Jim Voght proposed continuing with 3 Lunch and Learn events in 2024 to be held in the winter, spring and fall. The proposed dates are January 28<sup>th</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup> and a 3<sup>rd</sup> date TBD. The January 28<sup>th</sup> presentation topic will be on the steeple repair and the ongoing church renovation projects. The Renewal Committee will do the promotion and coordinate the food.

Jim Voght brought attention to the Pope Francis Synod and asked if the SFDS parish should be involved in the process.

**Vote on Steeple Louver Replacement**

John Bruening requested a motion for council to vote on the proposal from Imbus Roofing to replace the old wood louvers in the steeple tower. A copy of the proposal was provided for review. The cost is \$164,958 to replace the wood louvers with new manufactured Aluminum louvers. The proposal was already reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

Parish Council voted to approve the proposal.

**Projects Awaiting Proposals and Project Updates**

John Bruening provided an update on the church renovation projects.

- Proposal requested for additional Masonry to sill under Louvers
- Proposals requested for the Rectory roof repairs. The insurance claim for \$25,000 was received for the roof damage.
- 60% of the copper work has been completed on the Steeple.
- The exterior church doors have been refinished.
- The electric work in the church tower, attics and undercroft will begin in January.
- The AV project is complete.
- Plaster repairs on the church ceiling are complete. The section in the balcony is currently being worked on.

**Social Justice Fund**

John Mitchell is taking on the role from Don Yelton for the Social Justice Grant finances. The Marianist Spirit Committee has clarified that the funds are for grants and not awards.

## **Parish Updates**

Bro. Paul provided updates on the parish:

- Weekly Mass attendance averaged 250 in October and 244 in November which is up from last year.
- The parish was very generous with the Retirement for Religious Collection, decorating the Church and with the Giving Tree.
- The St. Rose Christmas Concert on Friday, December 15 was a great success and well attended.
- Sophie Krumm's violin recital was well attended and supported on Sunday, December 17.
- Father Mike and Bro. Paul will be around the parish over the holiday period.
- The St. Francis de Sales School is on Christmas Break from December 20 through January 2. School resumes on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.
- Our RCIA program has three candidates this year.
- Archbishop Schnurr has announced the appointment of Matthew J. (Matt) Daniels as Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, effective July 1, 2024. Matt will assume this responsibility from Kathy Kane who is serving as Interim Superintendent for the 2023-24 academic year. Matt Daniels is currently the Senior Director, Department of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Toledo, a position he has held since November 2018.
- We lost a longtime parishioner Doctor Rae Hartman.
- Father Tim Kenney, Assistant for Religious Life, will visit the Marianist Community the last weekend of January 26-29 and will be present on that Sunday. He would like to meet with Parish Council during his visit. The January Parish Council meeting will be moved to January 29th to accommodate the request.

## **Beacons of Light**

Nothing new to report on Beacons of Light. Br. Paul is looking at other church bulletins within the family of parishes that may be of interest to members of SFDS.

## **Open Discussion**

A survey for Children's liturgy will be going in the bulletin. Council discussed organizing a grand opening event in June to celebrate the church steeple project completion.

## **Meeting Adjourned.**

**Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2024 at 7PM.**