

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
March 19, 2024**

Present

Bro. Paul Hoffman, Fr. Mike Nartker, John Mitchell, John Bruening, Scott Gueterman, Lee Burroughs, Mary Kishman, Gail Miller, Rosemary Byes

Not Present

Holly Schwein

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Bro. Paul led Parish Council with an opening prayer.

Children's Ministry Update

Mary Kishman and Gail Miller shared the Children's Liturgy survey results. There were 6 family responses showing interest. The conclusion is there is not enough school age children to sustain a weekly Children's Liturgy at this time. If there is enough interest, we could offer it once a month. An announcement with a summary of the survey results will be published in the parish bulletin.

Worship Commission

The Worship Commission (WC) would like to suggest that the various groups in the Parish report periodically to the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). This could be on a rotating basis. The PPC is supportive of this decision.

Financial Update

John Mitchell reported the monthly finance committee meeting was held Thursday, March 14. The annual budget is on track but there are challenges in getting up to date financial reports. Work is to begin on the next fiscal budget that starts July 1, 2024.

Steeple Update

John Bruening reported the steeple project is progressing on track. The copper work will be completed by the end of March. Work is starting on the masonry and the prep work for the louvers. The scaffolding will lower as work gets completed on the upper tower.

Vote on Rectory Roof Replacement

John Bruening requested a motion for council to vote to approve the proposal from Imbus Roofing for replacing the Rectory roof. A copy of 2 bids was provided for review with the recommendation to award Imbus Roofing. The proposal in the amount of \$125,352 was reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee. There is an insurance claim in the amount of \$25,000 to help pay for the roof replacement. The work is expected to begin in the September/October timeframe.

Parish Council voted to approve the Imbus proposal for the Rectory Roof replacement.

Help Program Discussion

Bro. Paul reported there is a meeting scheduled on April 8 with Wilson Willard to discuss the Help Program lease agreement and liability insurance.

Beacons of Light

Fr. Mike reported the recent Beacons of Light sessions focused on community outreach programs. SFDS already has long standing outreach programs with 6 service agencies which highlights that the parish is ahead of where most family of parishes are in the Beacons of Light process.

Parish Updates

Bro. Paul provided updates on the parish:

- Weekly Mass attendance averaged 230 in January and February and is up by 232 when compared year over year.
- Hoops & Hops Fundraiser for Mercy Neighborhood Ministries is on March 23 at Purcell Marion High School.
- CISE funding is approaching. CISE is focusing on teacher retention, recruiting new teachers and after school programs.
- Bro. Paul will follow up on the FR. Tim Kenney survey.
- Fr. Mike is planning to offer sessions on Marianist topics including Marianist lay groups.

June Grand Opening Event

Planning meetings have started between the Sunday Masses. Phil Louis and Holly Schwein are leading the planning sessions. Teams have been assigned.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM.