

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
April 16, 2024**

Present

Bro. Paul Hoffman, Fr. Mike Nartker, John Mitchell, John Bruening, Scott Gueterman, Holly Schwein, Mary Kishman, Rosemary Byes

Not Present

Lee Burroughs

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Bro. Paul led Parish Council with an opening prayer.

Financial Update

John Mitchell reported the Finance Committee was able to get up to date financial reports and the annual budget is on track year to date. The school budget is ahead of plan thanks to funding from CISE and Ed Choice. There may be delays in getting financial reporting out as Gloria Sweet is working on the Archdiocese audit.

June 23rd Event

Holly Schwein reported the ceremony has been planned with food trucks selected and tents reserved. Parish Council discussed having a photographer at the event. Rosemary Byes confirmed Ken Byes is available for the event. Sponsorship requests will go out to parishioners. There will be 3 to 4 levels of giving.

Steeple Update

John Bruening reported the steeple project is on schedule. The copper work is 100% completed. Work started on the masonry and prep work for the new louvers. The old louvers have been removed.

Sound System Update

John Bruening reported that new microphones and a mixer were purchased for the choir. A parishioner donated the money for the purchase of the new equipment.

Help Program Discussion

Bro. Paul reported there were two meetings held with Wilson Willard to discuss the Help Program lease agreement and liability insurance. The Help Program is having a cash flow problem. A new agreement will begin on July 1, 2024 for use of the space in the church basement with rent payments expected in the 2025/26 fiscal year.

Beacons of Light

Fr. Mike reported having to get clarification on whether wedding permissions have to come from the Pastor of a Family of Parishes.

Parish Updates

Marianist Values Presentations will begin with the first session scheduled on Saturday, April 27 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon in the school cafeteria. Bro. Dave Betz will present on the Marianist Founders.

Bro. Paul provided updates on the parish:

- Mass attendance from January to March 2024 was up by 750 when compared to the same period in 2023.
- The average weekly Mass attendance for March was 288.
- Bro. Bob Politi is currently at our Health Care Community in Centerville, OH and most likely will be there until June. Address forms are in the church.
- The Synod Listening Session is on Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m.
- Marianist Founders Presentation is on Saturday, April 27 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon.
- The next Brunch and Learn is on Sunday, April 28 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.
- The Flying Pig Marathon is on Sunday, May 5. There will only be one Mass at 11:00 a.m.
- We will most likely host a concert on the evening of Sunday, May 19 for Walnut Hills High School. More details to come.
- Purcell Marion High School Graduation will be held in the stadium on Wednesday, May 22 weather permitting.
- The Give Us this Day booklets should be arriving on time for May and the months to come.

Recruitment of New Members

Council discussed recruiting new members to join Parish Council and Finance Committee with an emphasis on getting younger parishioners involved. Bro. will include in the announcements after Masses.

Open Discussion

In preparation for the June 23rd event, John Bruening and Scott Gueterman are planning a landscape cleanup day on Saturday, June 8 and to spread Mulch on Saturday, June 15. Both dates will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.