

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
May 21, 2024**

Present

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

Not Present

John Mitchell, Holly Schwein

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Bro. Paul led Parish Council with an opening prayer.

Financial Update

John Mitchell was not present to provide an update. John Bruening reported the Finance Committee is close to completing the 2024/25 budget and targeting June 6 for approval. Bro. Paul reported the Archdiocese Audit of the parish and school is complete. There were procedures identified to ensure collections are secured. There was open discussion on Gloria's workload with both the parish and the school. Additional help is being sought.

June 23rd Event

Rosemary Byes reported the ceremony has been planned with food trucks and tents reserved. There will be volunteers to help setup and direct parking. Rosemary Byes visited local business requesting sponsorship. Sponsorship requests will also go out to parishioners. John Bruening had a T-Shirt designed for the event and will order them for the volunteers and make the rest available to sell at the event. Mary Kishman had one of tiles removed from the steeple engraved and framed by a local artist that can be offered to Platinum sponsors and available to order them at the event.

Steeple Update

John Bruening reported the steeple project is on schedule. The new louvers will be installed this week and painted next week. The masonry work is 100% completed. The scaffolding will come down the first week of June.

Rectory Roof

John Bruening reported that work on the Rectory roof will be between mid-September and October. There will be scaffolding erected for this project.

Mulch Date

In preparation for the June 23rd event, the church landscaping Mulch date will be on Saturday, June 15 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Lee Burroughs felt that a separate cleanup day was not necessary. Announcements will go out seeking volunteers.

Recruitment of New Members

There will be announcements after Mass to recruit new members to join Parish Council and Finance Committee.

Parish Updates

Fr. Mike discussed inviting Bro. Dave Betz back to present on Marianist Values in July.

Bro. Paul provided updates on the parish:

- Mass attendance for March 2024 was up by 532 compared to March 2023.
- The average weekly Mass attendance for March was 288.
- Bro. Bob Politi is currently doing well at St. Leonard in Centerville but will not be back by the beginning of June as previously reported.
- The Archdiocesan Audit of the parish and school went well and the corrections asked of the parish and school are fewer than the last audit roughly three years ago. Thanks to Gloria Sweet and Ruth Trentman for preparing the parish for the audit.
- Eighth Grade Graduation is at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30 in the Church. Most graduates will be attending Purcell Marion High School as stated on the bulletin.
- School closes on Friday, May 31.
- The DeSales campus organizations (The HELP Program, Mercy Neighborhood Ministries, Purcell Marion High School and St Francis de Sales School) all report no parking issues on a daily basis.
- The Marianist Founders presentation by Brother David Betz on Saturday, April 27 and the Brunch N' Learn on Sunday, April 28 appeared to go well. Attendance was down for the Brunch N' Learn.
- The Parish is looking to add a part time person to assist Gloria Sweet.
- A volunteer is needed to coordinate and monitor the *Safe Parish Program*.

Worship Commission

Mary Kishman reported workshops are being planned for the fall to train Mass servers, readers, greeters and Eucharist Ministers.

Open Discussion

Follow up on the Help Program agreement for use of the space in the church basement to be completed before the end of June.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.