

**St. Francis de Sales Parish
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meeting
October 15, 2024**

Present

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

Not Present

Rosemary Byes, Lee Burroughs

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Bro. Paul led Parish Council with an opening prayer.

Financial Update

John Mitchell reported the fiscal year 2023/24 annual report will be presented after both Masses on October 27. A copy of the report will be attached to the bulletin.

School Update

Joanne Browarsky will attend Parish Council meetings starting in November to share updates and discuss where support is needed from the parish. The cleaning contract is one area up for discussion.

Rectory Roof

John Bruening reported that the rectory roof work is underway and expects the project to be completed by mid-November. There are 9 windows in the rectory with rotted frames. John is getting a quote from Pella to replace the windows.

Bell Update

John Bruening visited the Verdin Company and located the original bell clapper at their facility. John proposed having the clapper relocated to the church and displaying it in the parish library. John discussed getting a proposal for a new bell frame to be considered for future budgeting.

Recruitment of New Members

Parish Council discussed collecting interest in volunteer opportunities for parish ministries on new member sign up cards. Bro. Paul will reach out to Margret Szempruch from the Welcoming Committee to get more information on the new member sign up collection process.

Parish News

Bro. Paul provided updates on the parish:

- Mass attendance is trending upwards. Total attendance for the month of September was 1175, up from 881 in September 2023.
- The average weekly Mass attendance for 2024 year to date is 241.
- Father John Klobuka will be with us on Sunday, October 20. He does enjoy being with us every third Sunday.

- The Mass for All Saints Day will be on Thursday, October 31 at 5:30 p.m. in the church. This will take place of the Wednesday mass for that week. Friday evening would be problematic due to wedding rehearsals. It is a day of holy obligation.
- For this year we will not have the traditional All Souls memorial service due to timing and organizing. It could return next year. We want to see what the response to this will be.
- The Marianist Spirituality Program on Marianist values will be held on October 26 in the school cafeteria with Bro David Betz.
- Fr. Mike will begin his series on the History of the Eucharist on Sunday, October 27 after the 11 a.m. Mass.
- The Parish Art Sale will be on Saturday, November 9 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 10 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.
- Father Mike and Brother Paul will be attending a meeting of Marianists involved in Marianist Sponsored Parishes on Thursday, November 14 in St. Louis. Brother Paul provided some questions for Parish Council to reflect on.

Help Program

Bro. Paul reported the agreement with the Help Program is completed and signed.

Beacons of Light

- Fr. Mike reported we are caught up on the Beacons of Light process with the report that was submitted by the parish staff. St. Francis de Sales is being treated as a family of one parish.

Marianist Values

- The next monthly Saturday workshops on Marianist values will be held on October 26 with Bro David Betz.
- Fr. Mike is hosting 5 sessions on the history of the Eucharist after the 11 a.m. Mass beginning on October 27th

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.