

**St Francis de Sales  
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)  
Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2025, 7pm  
SFdS School Cafeteria**

**Attendance** – John Bruening, Fr. Mike Nartker, Bro. Paul Hoffman, John Mitchell, Lee Burroughs, Rosemary Byes, Holly Schwein, Woody Widman, David Hulefeld, Mary Kishman

1. **Welcome & Opening Prayer** – Brother Paul led the group in an opening prayer.
2. **Finance Update** - John Mitchell stated the parish financial status is in good stead due in part to the generous bequest from **Dr. Hartman's** estate and the generosity of parishioners; also, there are plenty of funds in our reserves. In general, our monthly donations have increased for 2025 as we have had a year over year increase of 25% above last year. At the 9-month mark, we are \$12,000 under budget. The 2026 budget is in progress and we will have an update in May. Finance Committee may need a June meeting.
3. **Dr. Rae Hartman Scholarship** – The Parish Picnic on June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a celebration of Dr. Hartman's legacy and bequest. Four students and one alternate have been selected to receive the scholarship. Each recipient will receive \$5,000 which can be renewed annually for 3 additional years. Students were selected from the nine SFdS Eighth Graders who did not receive CISE scholarships for high school. The scholarship committee used the same criteria that CISE used for scholarship award selection. Next year criteria may be altered to better reflect SFdS students and school. The students will be honored at the end of 10:00AM Mass on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Recipients and their families will be invited to the Parish picnic. The principal will tell the students they are expected to come.
4. **Parish Picnic** – The food trucks have been selected and confirmed. They are **Graeter's** (dessert), **CitySmash** (burger), and **Red Sesame** (Korean BBQ, vegetarian options). Mary Kishman created a summary of costs etc. for the Business office. John stated the Business Office needs W9 forms from the three trucks. Mary Kishman will facilitate this. Brother Paul, Rosemary Byes, and John Mitchell will prepare a program for the event. Rosemary Byes' brother, Ken Byes, will take photographs. John Bruening will bring coolers. Phil Louis will bring ice and drinks. Tablecloths will be used. The picnic should be advertised as a parish event not a community one. The picnic will stop at 2:00PM sharp. The idea of a raffle or **Split the Pot** was mentioned briefly but no decision was made.
5. **Synod Task Force Update** – The Synod Task Force met on April 1<sup>st</sup>. This meeting focused on members getting to know each other, reviewing the purpose of the task force and discussing how to address the findings from the listening sessions. Members were given the list of items identified by the sessions and instructed to prioritize the list for the next meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. **School Window/HVAC Update** – John Bruening stated **McAndrews Glass** quoted **\$500,000** for 130 windows. They are aluminum windows. Installation will be coordinated in a way to avoid classroom disruption etc. The school also needs a new HVAC system. John stated he needs to schedule a meeting with the school principal and other key individuals to prioritize the school needs. Several questions need to be answered such as do we really need AC in the school and do we replace the boiler or just upgrade.
7. **HELP Program/Drive to Thrive Update** – The current **HELP program** has been dissolved. HELP considered merging with the **Drive to Thrive** program, but this does not seem to be occurring. HELP is still moving out of the parish basement. Items not taken by HELP or not used by the parish will be donated to **One Source** who will pick them up.

8. **Parish Updates** - Attendance has been good. Our Sunday average is 236. The 8:30AM mass is around 105 and 11:00AM about 131. The ***Brunch and Learn*** event was successful as was the ***Xavier University*** concert. Xavier will be sending a \$500 donation. Brother Paul will continue to monitor the content of the Prayers of the Faithful (petitions) to ensure they do not contain messages that ***set people off*** such as heavy political undertones. Council members noticed parking issues due to soccer games on Purcell Marian's field on Sundays. Brother Paul will contact Rob Preston and Lindsey Domico about this issue. Several concerts will be held in the next few weeks in the church. The Parishioner concert will be Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM. Sophie Krumm's concert will be May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM. Father Mike and Brother Paul will be away from the Parish from Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>
9. The card for Archbishop Casey was forwarded to his office; he was also invited to the Parish picnic.
10. **Marianist and Beacons of Light** – Father stated there was nothing new to report.
11. **Open Discussion**
  - The Council briefly discussed creating office spaces in the basement. Gloria could not move to the basement due to her allergies. Other potential office spaces were also discussed.
  - John Bruening obtained a quote for \$2,700 to clean the outside of the building. This work was approved by Finance and PPC.
  - John Bruening stated a hallway and stairwell in the old school building was in very poor condition. He obtained a quote for \$1900 to paint walls, ceiling, floor etc. The council viewed the area and agreed it needed this work. John Mitchell will take the issue to Finance and then bring back to PPC.
12. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Kishman*

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### **Attachments**

- Agenda
- Pastoral Team Report

**St. Francis de Sales Parish  
Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, April 15th, 2025  
7:00PM, SFdS School Cafeteria**

<b>7:00 Welcome &amp; Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Bro Paul</b>
<b>7:05 Finance Update</b>	<b>John M</b>
<b>7:15 Hartman Scholarship update Parish Picnic</b>	<b>John M</b>
<b>7:20 Synod Task Force Update</b>	<b>John M</b>
<b>7:30 Help/Drive to Thrive Update</b>	<b>Bro Paul</b>
<b>7:45 Window Update</b>	<b>John B</b>
<b>7:50 School HVAC Update</b>	<b>John B</b>
<b>7:55 Parish Updates/Archdiocese report</b>	<b>Bro Paul</b>
<b>8:10 Beacons of Light/Marianist Values</b>	<b>Father Mike</b>
<b>8:20 Open Discussion</b>	<b>All</b>

**Next meeting May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 7:00PM**

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- \*\*\*Parish Sunday attendance statistics. See Sheet
- \*\*\*The Brunch N' Learn on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> was successful and well attended.
- \*\*\*The Xavier University Concert on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> was well attended. Xavier is in the process in making a donation to the parish for the concert of \$500.00.
- \*\*\*We are in Holy Week and it is one of the busiest weeks of the year. We hope we will have well-attended services throughout the week.
- \*\*\*Yesterday (Tuesday) there was a meeting to address the Prayers Of The Faithful and the messages they make. It was a constructive meeting. There appears to be an understanding that the writers need to pay attention to the tone and language they use. It is clear we need to pray for our world. We will be monitoring what parishioners are saying about them. Over the past few weeks they have met with greater approval.
- \*\*\*This past Sunday we had an issue with the Purcell Marian Soccer Program Rental. They were parking in our Sunday parking area. John Mitchell and I reached out to the school and Rob Preston who got back to us to say the problem will be corrected when they resume the week after Easter. We will be monitoring the parking to ensure they are in compliance.
- \*\*\*Two Upcoming Concerts/Musical Events:
- \*\*\*Parishioner Concert on Sunday, April 27 at 12:30 P.M. in Church. That will be our Donut Sunday - Sophie Krumm Recital on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.
- \*\*\*Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is The *Flying Pig Marathon* and we will have one mass at 11:00 A.M. that day.
- \*\*\*Father Mike and Brother Paul will be away at two different locations from Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The office can get hold of us if necessary.