

**St Francis de Sales
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)
Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2025, 7pm
SFdS Rectory Dining Room**

Attendance – John Bruening, Fr Mike Nartker, Bro Paul Hoffman, John Mitchell, Lee Burroughs, Rosemary Byes, Woody Widman, Joe Nurre, Mary Kishman,

1. **Welcome & Opening Prayer** – Brother Paul led the group in an opening prayer. John Bruening distributed the agenda and stated John Mitchell may be a bit delayed.
2. **Introductions** – No new members or guests were in attendance.
3. **The Delores Staples Good Citizenship Award** – As discussed last month the Delores Staples Good Citizen Award has been approved by PPC and will be funded by the Parish. Woody Widman has purchased the plaque which has room for 16 student names (8 years of awards). Woody stated the plaque is quite nice. John Bruening suggested that the plaque be hung as soon as possible so students can see it and perhaps be inspired to achieve the award. Woody stated the specific processes for implementation of the award are in “in the works”. Rosemary Byes shared in a follow-up email, that the award will not to be shared until May 2025 at graduation. The committee decided the religion teacher team would select the winners; there no competition for this award.
4. **SYNOD Survey**– John Mitchell stated the SYNOD committee met last night to start reviewing responses to the survey. There were 174 surveys returned. John created an EXCEL sheet to organize the responses. Overall, the responses seemed positive. Because of the wealth of information in the responses it will take the committee several meetings to analyze and develop an action plan. So far the committee has reviewed 80 responses. John stated results may be ready in December or January. Brother Paul will make an announcement at the Masses next Sunday thanking the parishioners for their participation in the survey. The next SYNOD committee meeting is November 17. John anticipates the committee will begin to develop “Next Steps” after that meeting. PPC offers a big *Thank You* to John for all his work on this project.
5. **Finance Update** – John Mitchell stated we spent a bit more than budgeted on “facilities”. This will need to be addressed in future budgets. Given the age of the buildings, infrastructure and equipment etc, it should not be surprising that unexpected “facility needs” arise. There has been a delay in ED Choice funds from the state, which has caused a low balance in our acct. These funds should be coming soon. The parish is trying to get a system that will make processing quicker of the paperwork etc. required for these funds. Despite these challenges the parish is in a good financial state with reserves of about 8 million. John Mitchell will give a short presentation about the finances of the parish at the masses on Sunday, November 2.
6. **MYParish App**– The Parish is going to start using the *MyParish* APP more comprehensively. The APP has numerous features including a section for Groups such a PPC.

The APP has been in existence for a while but many people do not know about it or simply do not use it. Bonnie has been to several meetings about this. The Archdiocese is encouraging use of the APP. Bonnie is meeting with Tori Vogelgesang to talk about the APP. It might also be helpful to contact other parishes to see how they are using the APP. PPC would like to get someone from the Millennial/GenZ group on PPC. The APP can be downloaded using a QR code or by going to the APP store on cell phones. All requested that we get the link sent by Bonnie about the APP. Mary Kishman will ask Bonnie about this.

7. **School Windows & HVAC Update** – McAndrews has placed the order for the windows. They still need to send us the adjusted rate change. Once McAndrews receives the product, a schedule for installation will be developed. The installation must not interfere with school instruction and routine. Some estimates for the HVAC have been received. Perfection GRP, quoted \$224,675 including the rooftop unit: DeBra-Kuempel are only interested in doing the rooftop unit. The Entervise quote is pending.
8. **Pavement** – There are issues with the blacktop pavement. Many sunken areas and cracks. May need to do a temporary “cold patch” to the bad areas this year to prevent individuals from falling. Next year when school is finished, we can do a major repair with a “hot patch”, crack filling, scaling and blacktop.
9. **Church Doors** – John Bruening stated they finally contacted Norwood Hardware who will coordinate the church door repairs. John will meet with them this Thursday.
10. **Pastoral Team Report** – Attendance is up 655 from 2024-2025. Brother Bob is on his sabbatical trip to Ireland but will return in a few weeks.
11. **Beacons of Light** – All is well with the Parish in regards to BOL Father stated the Marianist officials need to give the Archdiocese a stronger commitment to keeping their presence at SFdS parish.
12. **OPEN DISCUSSION**
 - A parishioner mentioned to Woody W. that the stained glass window by the choir can't really be seen. Members thought there might be plastic obscuring it. It would be wonderful if it was visible from the street as light flowed through it creating “a light into the neighborhood”. John B. stated perhaps Classical Glass or another window company could look at it.
 - Copper from old steeple – A parishioner mentioned the possibility of selling the copper. The funds could be used for projects. No decision was made.
13. **Next meeting** – Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 7pm in the school cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,

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