

Parish Council Meeting

August 28, 2023

Attendees: Monsignor Marcaccio, Ralph Allen, Paul Brazeau, Peter Craft, Doug Faison, Billy Fitzgerald, LaRonna Harris, Tyler Helms, Connie Hilliard, Christy Holmes, Donna Keel, and Clifford Thompson.

Guest: Lindsay Sartorio

Meeting started at 6:37 with prayer and call to order.

Clifford reviewed the previous meeting minutes; approved with no changes with motion offered by Paul and seconded by LaRonna.

The Parish Council welcomed new members Donna Keel, Connie Hilliard, Ralph Allen, Billy Fitzgerald, and Peter Craft. Each Parish Council member introduced themselves.

Old Business:

Early Years Ministry – is being expanded to the new parents. The young parents and the new parents are the foundation of SPX. Other parishioners step up to make this a bigger community. Kasey/Tyler Helms and Regan/Sam Steele are leading this Ministry. Because they are new parents themselves, they have mutual interests with all the other new parents.

The nursery is always full at 15min before mass. More youth may be accepted depending on the available adult supervision. Young adults are being sought for paid positions helping at the various masses.

There is no crying room, but it is important for any of the youth that are being typical children be taken to the baptistery to not disrupt the Liturgy and the other parishioners.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin again in September.

The decorative screen to be installed adjacent to the DeJoy Center will be ready for pre-finishing inspection in early September.

The pavilion behind the Athletic Center is nearly completed. The plaque is being approved and will be mounted in the next few days. The pavilion should be ready for use in early September.

Options for the hearing impaired are still being evaluated. The technology is changing rapidly and we do not want a system that is outdated before it is installed.

The athletic field renovation is being re-evaluated for best use. The initial plan proved to not be feasible. A sample of the artificial turf was displayed and will have better

drainage than the current field. The initial designs are being readied for presentation to the City Planning/Zoning.

Vision 2025 Goals and Activities Update:

Lindsay provided an update on from Faith Formation and Evangelization. As the discussion followed the handout provided, see the attached below for details.

New Business:

The bells outside of the columbarium are out of tune, but it is expensive to get them tuned. There are few companies that do this.

May consider using the St. Joseph room in the Simmons Center and get it wired for sound to be able to listen to the Mass.

We are going to try to offer child care for the younger parishioners at some of the various events to enhance the experience at the event.

Pastor Report:

School enrolment is strong with 450-460 students.

The latest financial statements will be in the upcoming Echoes.

The Parish and School endowments are doing ok even with the recent downturn in the markets.

The budget is including planned HVAC unit replacements, they are now reaching the end of life expectancy.

The rectory is needing more work with the recent rains

DSA is covered by commitments but not completely collected.

There are several people interested in mentoring youth to spread the burden of the Youth Minister.

Closing Comments:

Next meeting is September 25, 2023.

Motion to Adjourn was offered by Clifford, seconded by Ralph.

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18PM

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Updates from Faith Formation & Evangelization

Faith Formation

- Children
 - Classes begin 9/10 for the upcoming school year
 - Enrollment is consistent from grade-to-grade with past years.
 - Sacramental Classes (Communion/Confirmation) of about 60-65 students each, consistent with past years.
 - CLOW begins on 9/10 as well – saw high attendance and interest last year
- Adults
 - Studies begin week of 9/12 –three daytime studies and one evening study
 - RCIA begins 9/7 – 12 participants to-date
 - Pre-Cana – will begin training more couples as FOCCUS facilitators this Fall
 - Focusing more on Parental/Family formation this year with regard to our sacramental programs

Evangelization

- Jubilee is filled with 30 participants
- Collaborating with Parish Life on events such as Stewardship, Italian Festival
- Bus to Eucharistic Congress from St. Paul's this year
- Parish Communications
 - Weekly Emails
 - Bi-Monthly Echoes
 - Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn)

Youth Ministry

- Small group formation in process – plan to start with 2 girls groups and 2 boys groups
 - Have 6-8 adults that have expressed interest in mentoring groups
- Larger events (middle school and high school specific) will be on the calendar by the end of this week
 - Focus on community building
 - Focus on middle school and retention
 - Middle school and high school separate
- New Youth Minister
 - Search will begin this Fall

Young Adult Ministry

- 65 members in the GroupMe “chat”
- Events and activities scheduled through September