

SFA 2023-2024
Parish Council Agenda
4/10/2024

In attendance: Jeana Koerber, Scott U'Sellis, Patrick Cornett, Fr. Jon, Denise Bartholomew, Donna Schmidt, Mary Schmidt, Steve Frommeyer, Alyssa Sohl

1. Welcome and prayer
2. Review and approve prior parish council minutes (Jan minutes)
 - a. Mary started motion
 - b. 2nd by Patrick Cornett
3. Fr. Jon spoke about how Easter Sunday Mass went too long at 1:45 min with 12 baptisms. 2 options for next time - need to have more Eucharistic ministers or need to have 2 separate Masses.
 - a. Mary asked if next year it will be switched, to be an Easter Vigil next year? Fr. Jon – Worship committee will decide on 2025. Will take input from parishoners!
 - b. Denise – Wants to make sure Fr. Jon is not overdoing it with Masses. Fr. Jon said he has lots of support.
 - c. Mary - Are there other priests in the area who can sub for OLSJ? Not currently, but will have sub soon as long as they are available.
 - d. Alyssa – good idea to add an 8am Mass, people come with their families
 - e. Patrick – can you do an afternoon vigil on Saturday? Fr Jon- Only 1 vigil per day
 - f. Fr – We want to be able to catch people who come once a year and keep them, so can't be as long
4. Priority discussion topics
 - a. Housing for Pastor
 - i. Bishops want Fr. Jon closer to parish than 20 minutes currently
 - ii. Donna – can archdiocese fund? Fr. Jon – we will talk about
 - iii. Scott talked to Robert Cecil (CFO for Archdiocese) – suggested Robert talk to Archbishop
 - iv. Scott has a few houses they are looking at
 - v. Patrick – If archdiocese purchases the house, Can SFA can make payments with interest?
 - vi. Good investment opportunity for archdiocese
 - b. Church survey update
 - i. Patrick – survey is done and David is summarizing the survey, will wait for him to be present to present to council
 - ii. As far as Mass times, people like the current times
 - iii. Alyssa – Were weekday Masses *and* weekend Masses asked about?
 - iv. Fr. Need to coordinate with other churches in area so there are always Masses happening in the area
 - c. Stewardship-time and talent
 - i. Patrick – is there a plan to introduce this?
 - ii. Scott - Need to form a sub-committee to tackle it. Best use of old directories, showed all committees on campus. Need to reinvigorate old committees.

- iii. Fr. Jon – need a couple members of parish council to form sub-committee to work on this.
- iv. Scott – Could have a ministry fair with tables setup around Feast of St. Francis. Could gather new members that day. Would be in October after Mass.
- v. Donna – should incorporate the school.
- vi. Fr. Jon – should get SFA swag for people to take home.
- vii. Steve – had a table at school registration as well for this.
- viii. Donna – Hub – does this go to all parishoners? – Scott – yes, about 1,000 (around 525 families)
- ix. Denise and Donna, Patrick – offered to help. Will ask Kent if he wants to help as well
 - 1. Goal is to come up with something for next parish council meeting
- x. Scott – Our Sunday Visitor mailing is going to stop soon, so would be good to keep the momentum going

5. Strategic Plan

- a. Parish Life and Parish Outreach committee update (formerly known as service committee)-Leadership
 - i. Scott – Ellen Goulart (spelling?) – offered to lead parish life committee and would like to have a co-chair as well
 - ii. Fr. Jon – a lot of parish life is still happening – Whitley city, heartpaths, etc.
 - iii. Donna – random question - baptisms – do we give white garments away? Fr - We keep adult ones, kids keep theirs
 - iv. Scott – still need Parish Outreach leader. 2 CLOUT members may be good candidates.
- b. Formation Committee- Leadership (need)
 - i. Donna – is JoAnn just in charge of RCIA? Fr. Jon – she is in charge of all preparation for parish sacraments
 - ii. Mary – can we put out announcement about this position?
 - iii. Fr. Jon – can announce at Masses
 - iv. To do – think of someone who would be good for this position
- c. Dashboards for committees
 - i. Patrick - A way to present to parish a summary
 - ii. Fr. - Show how we are implementing strategic plan
 - iii. Patrick – if we as a council, can show what this should look like, it would help the committee leaders
 - iv. Fr. Jon – some churches have site (internal) that could be used
 - v. Steve – school board – uploaded committee reports ahead of time. Read before arrival so reports can be skipped during actual meeting and just answer questions.

6. Committee reports

- a. Parish operations
 - i. Our Sunday Visitor increased collection program is currently at a 37% response rate with over \$31K in new, annual offertory commitments. Also, an additional \$8515 in one-time gifts

- ii. Chiller update - start up date is Tuesday, 4/9
 - iii. Fish Fry update - another successful fish fry season - while there are some more bills yet to be paid, it looks as if there will be approximately \$25K in profit
 - iv. Archive display is in place. The space used is the old baptistry
 - v. An additional camera is being installed on the Rutherford side of our property
 - vi. The Facilities Committee is having a jump start meeting on 4/18
 - vii. Gym – Sunday basketball can still happen. Impromptu practices can still happen, but OLJS will be using parish hall. Communication misunderstanding. No reason the gym can't be used while they are meeting. Practices and league games should be scheduled with Debbie.
 - viii. Ask Fr when questions come up like this.
 - 1. Amy Quiggins and Eric Gratz
 - ix. A new maintenance man was hired - he will start on July 1
 - 1. Ram covers the bottom level of the school, cleaning crew handles other floors
 - 2. Person will be part-time
 - b. School board update
 - i. Steve - School board meeting next week. Had 5 kids leave SFA recently. Picked up most of that loss. Numbers wise, now have budget balanced for school. 235 students currently. 2 tours next week
 - ii. Mary – what is capacity? Steve – 260
 - iii. 1st communion this week
 - iv. Middle school went to see eclipse in Vincennes
 - v. State science fair – SFA won best in fair!
 - 1. 10 were invited to apply to the national fair!
 - vi. Scott – Banner for front lawn would be great to showcase our science fair winners
 - c. Finance committee minutes-Feb 20 and Mar 19 minutes
 - d. Worship committee-Jan 16 minutes
 - e. Patrick – would like to have committee updates before parish council meeting
7. Other parish discussion items (Open forum)
- a. PCAL meeting Debrief
 - b. Patrick went to event – primary focus – strategic plan of archdiocese – wanted feedback, what is our preferred way to getting communication, etc. Brainstorming if archdiocese needs to change ways it communicates. Minimizing misinformation. Tailoring content to certain people and parishes outside of Louisville.
 - c. 5.5% parish income goes to archdiocese.
8. Closing Remarks
- a. Reminder-next meeting is May 29, 2024
 - b. Mary – would like to talk about parish council membership next time.
 - c. Fr. – Do survey of how long people want to serve on parish council

- d. Email Patrick how long we have been on parish council and how long they would like to be on it, not to exceed 3 years. 3-2-1
- e. Could do dinner for next weekend.
- f. Ended meeting at 7:58 pm.