

In attendance – Theresa Horlander from finance committee, Scot U'Sellis, Jeana Koerber, Fr. Jon, Patrick Cornet, David Buckley, Donna Schmidt, Mary Schmidt, Denise Bartholomew, Theresa Hughes, Alyssa Sohl, Steve Frommeyer

SFA 2023-2024

Parish Council Agenda

5/29/2024

1. Welcome and prayer – Fr Jon

2. Review and approve prior parish council minutes (Apr minutes)

Donna motioned, Mary 2nd – minutes are approved

3. Priority discussion topics

Budget review – Fr wants to separate budget and priest housing topic

Budget:

Theresa Horlander– handed out summary budget. Separated parish and school budget. Budgeted for 217 students, but that will most likely change. Combined budget came out positive and will be sent out to archdiocese. Donna asked if we could see previous years to compare to. Theresa answered yes.

Notice current accounts. Outstanding pledge balance is from capital campaign. Mentioned ~~ta~~ further into pledge drives we are, the participation drops off.

It was asked if parish council has any say about the budget. Theresa and Father said it is purely informational. No voting to be done on the budget by the parish council.

There are parishioners who pledged towards capital campaign but have not given. Questions were asked about what percent of pledges we have gotten – 80% is normal. Finance council voted to put off talking about paying off Capital Campaign loan until December.

Father - Has been a success for our parish from where we came from. A lot to be proud of.

General money market account – somewhat inflated currently – part is grant restricted for afterschool care, will probably be used for bathrooms.

Committed to paying off capital campaign loan off early.

Father - Front steps to school, organ pipes, school doors, etc. that need to be done still

Wishlist that had 3 phases, have hit most of phase 1

Fr asked about school choice issue – Steve said will be on the ballot to make KY constitutional change towards it.

Housing for Fr. Jon:

Fr Jon - As background, bishops have asked that there be a purchase of a house for Fr Jon and his family. Fr. is on campus a good number of hours. Limits ability to go between home and church during the day because of morning and evening commitments. Decision went on back burner, bishops recently moved up decision. The wish would be to have something next to campus. Bishops prefer home purchase, but Fr may be able to talk them into renting if it makes sense. His 1st term is complete in 5 years from June, but then can start a 2nd term. Rental feels temporary. There is no urgency to purchase right away, and archdiocese still needs to approve a loan. Doesn't want to not have equity, for benefit of SFA.

Mary feels a rental is a bad idea because the family may have to move in 1-2 years.

Scot – this has never been done in the archdiocese

Donna – we have a moral responsibility to provide housing for our priest and his family – decently. We need to be transparent. Do we have any authority to say yes or no?

Mary – thinks a group from parish council needs to go talk to archdiocese

Fr – Bishop Lopes is more responsible for him.

Would be getting 3.75% rate on loan. Maintaining sacraments should be #1. Currently, SFA takes on housing, OLSJ takes on Fr's healthcare.

Patrick – important to have Fr happy here.

David – is worried that parish will not understand the need for the money for a house off campus.

Fr Jon - Wants permanence for our parish – wants SFA to have equity and not waste rental dollars.

Scot – there are other things we can do – such as building over the small courtyard and up for office area and use the rectory for Father and his family.

Summary – waiting to see if we can get a loan, no immediate purchase, keep investigating – no decisions have been made whatsoever

Patrick – doesn't feel like archdiocese and ordinariate are doing enough

Alyssa – who is actually making final decision? Lots of people to be in the decision

Theresa – what is timeframe? Fr – nothing is solid, Movement within a year?

What information needs to go out to parish? Need to meet to go over communication to parish.

For parish council - No individual emails should be sent out, send to all for maximum transparency

a. Church survey update – David – results were straightforward. No big request for Mass time changes. Most parishioners were less likely to come at a new time. Were some requests for Reconciliation time changes. What people would prioritize was surprising – community service – parishioners want more opportunities for community service.

The close 2nd was for informational sessions. School parents that answered wanted family formation.

Father's response to survey –wants to experiment with weekday Masses for summer (June, July, Aug), of doing just 5:30pm Masses instead of 8:30am. There are morning masses at all 3 churches in Highlands, so looking to experiment with those times. Would be split into SFA and OLSJ. If experiment fails, will go back to morning masses at the end of Summer. No competing with other churches on Bardstown Rd. T/Th – SFA, W, F – OLSJ. Would continue these times if successful.

Alyssa – gives more opportunity to our Catholic community.

Fr – wants to do stained glass class as an information session.

Mary – asked about changes to adoration – Fr - would most likely do on Saturdays during confession. Mary asked for communal confession.

David – will talk to Fr about last question about songs – specific songs were given. Mostly 2nd half were 20th century folk songs. Mary asked for survey summary to be sent out.

c. Parish Council members for next year – Denise and Kent will be rolling off – will be adding 3 new people.

4. Strategic Plan

a. Stewardship-Time and talent update – look over printed sheets and give feedback

Mary asked about service chairperson – do not have one yet

b. Dashboards for committees – Kent is working on

5. Committee reports

a. Parish operations-notes attached

b. School board update

c. Finance committee minutes-May 14, 2024

d. Worship committee-April 11, 2024

6. Other parish discussion items (Open forum)

7. Closing Remarks

a. Meeting schedule for next year

August is next meeting, specific date TBD

Ended meeting at 8:40pm