

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Pastoral Council Meeting
3/9/2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Ray Guthrie, Kathleen Murray, Vince Lazzaroni, Sandra Cruz and Marianne Weber. Martha Cucco and Fran Zappitelli present via zoom.

Kathie called meeting to order at 6:30. Fr. Ray said opening prayer.

Vince motioned to approve minutes of 2/9/21 meeting, Sandra seconded and the minutes were approved. .

PASTORS REPORT:

The position is posted for full time DRE. We are offering a salary in the midrange of the diocese.

Parish school enrollment is over 150 for next year. Will be hiring a physical education teacher.

Hispanic community has had two new helper priests start. Both are bilingual.

Jesus Fonseca is helping with translation for Spanish newsletter once monthly. Bulletin is being translated by Sandra.

Financials: Father reported that we are in the black overall. So we are doing well. Bulletin updates will now reflect the whole month so as to report the overall picture more clearly and avoid transient ups/downs.

St Patricks meal planning is going well. Have sold 225 meals thus far.

Lent/Easter:

Fr. Ray's talk on the church fathers had over 60 attendees.

Stations of the Cross attendance is average.

Rice Bowl will be collected on Good Friday.

Holy Thursday there will be no washing of feet. Good Friday details pending.

Four Easter masses planned: Easter vigil, and 3 Sunday masses.

Marianne is picking up Holy Oils on Tuesday of Holy Week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Considerations for parish council candidates. Father asked that we continue to keep in prayer. Katie suggested Amy Amann. Marianne suggested Chris Hicks. Will reach out to talk to these two potential candidates to ask that they discern this.

Building and Grounds: (report from Father Ray)

Buildings are looking very good.

Fire alarms are going to be updated as of this summer.

K3 and K4 have outgrown space. Building and grounds looked at three possible solutions: tearing down walls in school, mobile classroom, downstairs parish center option. Father suggested that if we keep growing it would be an ideal plan/ consideration in the future to do a tear down/rebuild of the middle section/convent.

Pews are cracking, possibly related to extra cleaning. It has been checked out and the recommendation is to use oil based cleaning once weekly.

NEW BUSINESS:

St. Vincent de Paul report per Kathie: Kathie has met with Archdiocesan representatives and with St. Benedict's St. Vincent de Paul Society representatives. She discussed that options for space to use for this are being considered. Father requested that we go to St. Benedict's and see if we can work together as a joint group to avoid duplication of resources and work since this is done in many other areas. St. Francis would fulfill the needs of those under our geographic region.

Next meeting April 13th 6pm, will invite Hispanic ministry representative.

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