

The Family of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 4, 2024

Notes

Attendance: Tim Vaughn, Betsy Waldeck, Erin Fontaine, Carol Mulcahey, Chuck Smith, Jim Stemann, Arline Argentati, Dan Schindler, Gayle Napier, Joyce Thomas, Mark Conese, Donna Weber, Mike Wolf

Staff: Kathy Middendorf, Gwenda Laney, Heather Wagner, Jose Martinez, Fr. Tharp, Melody Wallace

St. Ann Reports

- School Report
 - G. Laney was subpoenaed to court regarding the playground vandalism. Next Thursday will be the final hearing, but she has been told all charges due to them being incompetent.
 - The final report from the court will be sent to the Archdiocese self-insurance program for documentation about the results of the case.
 - Ancillary money is being used to buy an additional curriculum in place of Iowa testing.
- Old Business
 - Split the Pot
 - \$18,380 was the total pot.
 - The winner is waiting to be announced due to them being on vacation. Next year, it will be made clear that soon after the drawing, it will be posted in the bulletin.

Sacred Heart Reports

- School Report
 - This is a self-study year for accreditation with the state of Ohio.
 - One piece of this is the mission statement. The last time a mission statement was adopted was 2016. The teachers wrote a new mission statement and H. Wagner is asking if Parish Council endorses the new statement.
 - **Motion: D. Schindler makes a motion to approve the mission statement for the school. J. Stemann seconds. Motion passes.**
 - Playground
 - Ordered and should be delivered in the next two weeks. An exact date is TBD. There is a place to store it until they can break ground.
- Old Business
 - Pancake Breakfast
 - Scheduled for January 21 at Sacred Heart. It will be in both bulletins starting next week.

- Easter Vigil
 - Choir – The St. Ann AND Sacred Heart choir will be on the opposite side as usual (left side when looking at the altar). M. Wallace will have the choir practice several times prior to the Vigil to work out logistics.

Director of Administration Update

- Tuition – EdChoice
 - Sacred Heart could get \$6,166/child; 135 students currently qualify for full tuition. The proposed tuition is \$5,200/child + \$600 grant that parishioners can apply for. The cost to educate is \$5,282. The subsidy is 39% from the parish. 25 families have not applied from EdChoice.
 - St. Ann is proposing to increase tuition to \$6,100 to maximize EdChoice reimbursement. 170 students, all but 8 have applied to EdChoice. 95% of students are receiving the entire amount. St. Ann the subsidy is 64% from the parish. For families that do not qualify, there will be options to assist them. Cost per student is \$5,620.
 - K. Middendorf is still conducting analysis on final tuition numbers before proposing to Parish Council and Finance Commission. More to come.
 - Both places are operating in the red right now. Sacred Heart is in the red due to giving out refunds because of EdChoice. So far, only one EdChoice group of checks has been received so far. For St. Ann, there has been some EdChoice money coming in. There is no cause for alarm at either place as we are just half way through the FY.

Director of Evangelization Update

- Four Formation Opportunities are coming up in January
 - 3 bible studies (one virtual) and one men's program
- Family Engagement and REP has been increasing.
 - One family engagement event was an Advent wreath making workshop that had a good attendance.
- Evangelization Team
 - The team is supposed to help drive the evangelization efforts throughout the parish and would be a number of individuals participating. J. Martinez has been meeting with different ministry leaders about how they would want to participate as he works to form the team. Some have been interested, but more to come.

Pastor Updates

- Boiler
 - The leak in the pipe has been repaired.
 - B. Dirr is compiling information to get bids for the new pipe. The rough estimate will likely be between \$80-100k, but we will not know for sure until

the bids come in. The current system is operating in the low 80% efficiency range.

- The second option will be to put in standalone units that use low pressure steam (operating at 92% efficiency). The rough estimate is \$150-170k, but will not be known until the bids come in.
- The third option is to put in Mitsubishi units, but this is the most expensive option at \$300k minimum.
- B. Dirr will bring the quotes to the February meeting. A decision will need to be made by April to be ready to start and finish the project during the summer.
- Beacons of Light
 - Phase 2 – Visioning
 - We have already increased opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration.
 - The African community wants a Sunday afternoon Mass six times a year that would incorporate traditional African culture into the Mass.
 - The Parish Council should determine how the church can fit into the local community (Fairfield/Lindenwald).
 - Fr. Tharp would like to meet with Finance Commissions from both places to create 4 cost centers/temporarily restricted endowments so people could contribute to a physical place of their choice (buildings for St. Ann church, St. Ann school, Sacred Heart church, Sacred Heart school).
 - Tom Montgomery is involved in Love in Action groups and Fr. Tharp hopes he can act as a coordinator of the Love in Action groups.

Final Discussion and Wrap-Up

- Next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30pm at St. Ann** due to Fr. Tharp hearing confessions at St. Ann and to limit his travel.
 - A permanent meeting time/date/location will be discussed next month.