

St. Ann and Sacred Heart Joint Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2022
7:00-8:30pm

Notes

St. Ann Attendance: Mark Conese, Erin Fontaine, Gwenda Laney, Carol Mulcahey, Chuck Smith, Tim Vaughn, Betsy Waldeck, Donna Weber, Mike Wolf

Sacred Heart Playground Committee

- Proposed project
 - Would like to get it complete by beginning of July
 - Fundraiser would start soon and the goal is to be wrapped up by April
 - Engaged with a playground manufacturer
 - Sacred Heart PC approved the Playground Committee could start fundraising.

Meeting Facilitation

- Group agreed for a meeting facilitator and timekeeper at meetings moving forward.

Survey Reminder

- St. Ann link: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y8pccy>
- Sacred Heart link: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y8c99y>
 - QR code does not work for some people.
 - Kathy suggested downloading a QR code app to see if that works instead of using the phone's camera.
 - It is in the bulletin and Fr. Tharp is saying it at the pulpit
 - Kathy is going to the ministry meetings
 - Each parishioner should complete the survey.
 - Last week was 19% of parishioners complete.
 - The survey will be complete by Feb. 27 and data will be sent to the parishes by end of March.

St. Ann Reports

- School Report
 - This week is Catholic Schools Week. School is doing well.
 - School Open House – pre-K is full and K is almost full; large number of transfer families
- Old/New Business
 - Split the Pot was over \$20k. A parishioner won the pot.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Tim will double check if the pot was published in the bulletin. If not, Tim will work with Julie to get it published.

Sacred Heart Reports

- Old/New Business
 - The Baptismal font is under construction. The new plumbing is being installed. Once the new plumbing is in, the font will be put back together.
 - The old uniform room is almost ready. The roof will be put on in the spring.
 - Bill Dirr is looking into what can be put at the River Rd driveway where there is a ditch currently.
 - School Open house – 40 families attended; large number of transfer students;

- Some of the marketing money will be used to make SH/St. Ann a “partner” school for Wright Patterson Air Force Base for military families. Being a partner school means information is included when new families come to the area and have a parent stationed at WPAFB.
 - WPAFB will include materials for BOTH schools for a year. St. Ann had one military family come to their open house.

Financial Update

- The St. Ann festival net was \$46,975.01 and the SH net was \$214,817.62.
 - This was the second highest in the SH history. This was the largest net in St. Ann history.

Beacons of Light and Pastor Updates

- Fr. Tharp is meeting with his half of the deanery. His report is complete for SH and St. Ann.
- The Archbishop wrote a new letter to ensure that all families are moving in the same direction.
 - The focus is on Evangelization. Schools are a large part, but so are the other ministries.
- 7 applicants for the Director of Evangelization.
 - Interviewing four candidates. Two were interviewed this week and two will be interviewed next week.
 - The goal is to hire someone by Easter.
- Mass schedule
 - It is unlikely the Saturday Mass schedule will change due to the well-attended Masses at both parishes on Saturday evening.
 - Fr. Tharp’s vision is for the joint Parish Councils to put together a Mass schedule sub-committee to take the survey data and transmit it to the congregation at both places. Surveys could be given at Sunday Mass for people to provide their preference of times.
 - Primetime on Sundays is between 8:30 and 11:30am.
 - The first step will be looking at the times, not necessarily the place
 - St. Ann holds 400 comfortably
 - Sacred Heart holds 550 comfortably
 - Fr. Tharp recommends the sub-committee size be 8-10.
 - Fr. Tharp has most recent Mass counts from this past October.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** The committee should be formed by the March meeting. Four from each parish. The names should be submitted to Fr. Tharp by the end of the March meeting. **If interested, reach out to your respective president.**
 - During April and May, the surveys should be out.

Discussion and Next Steps

- Document review
 - **ACTION ITEM:** The group should review the documents for the next meeting for discussion.
- Catholic Schools Office
 - There was a meeting held today with the Archdiocesan School office and they suggested both schools can remain open from a financial perspective.
 - The parish would need to ensure that both schools can stand alone.
 - The schools would have different resources in which they could draw.

- 56% of St. Ann are on EdChoice. Sacred Heart does not accept EdChoice.
 - Since St. Ann tuition (\$3300) is not as high as EdChoice would reimburse (\$5500); the school office suggested raising tuition to that price to maximize reimbursement.
 - For parents that aren't able to apply for EdChoice, they could apply to a special scholarship fund since tuition would be raised.
 - More to come.

Next Meeting: Joint meeting in March (March 9th at 7pm) at Sacred Heart

- **ACTION ITEM:** Kathy will distribute email lists from both Parish Councils so we can streamline communication with one another.