

St. Ann and Sacred Heart Joint Parish Council Meeting Notes

Thursday, March 9, 2022

St. Ann Attendance: Erin Fontaine, Mike Wolf, Tim Vaughn, Carol Mulcahey, Donna Weber, Betsy Waldeck, Gwenda Laney
Fr. Tharp, Kathy Middendorf

Meeting minutes accepted as read.

St. Ann Reports

- No updates

Sacred Heart Reports

- Room in basement of the school is almost ready to go. Carpet still needs installed.
 - Bill sought out estimates for carpet in the new classroom and an office for the SRO.
 - Fr. Tharp needs approval to not spend more than \$5900 for the complete cost of the carpet. **Approved** by Sacred Heart Parish Council.
- The West lot has been leaking into the basement conference room (RH4). A dry well is going to be built next to the building to allow the water to go into the well.
- Church Modification Committee has not met yet. The new Baptismal font is almost complete and will be ready by Easter.
- Girl Scout cookies – **Approved** by Sacred Heart Parish Council to sell in the narthex.
- K of C Mother's Day collection (May 13-14) – benefits Pathways to Hope. **Approved** by Sacred Heart Parish Council.
- K of C Measure Up Campaign (April 1-2) – statewide fundraiser for those with developmental disabilities (80% local/20% state agencies). **Approved** by Sacred Heart Parish Council.

Financial Update

- 25 non-parish families who are NOT on EdChoice.
 - Kathy is working with Jen to see if those families would qualify and just have not taken steps to do so.
- Long term goal is for the schools to stand alone. Currently, St. Ann accepts EdChoice. Sacred Heart does not.
- Both schools still have a competitive rate for other schools in the area.
- The idea of both schools being consolidated is not likely to work due to city of residence, demographics of the schools (St. Ann is 47% Latino, most of which are eligible for EdChoice).
 - Gov. DeWine is proposing an increase in the poverty threshold, which would make more families eligible for EdChoice.
- If Sacred Heart is ever open to allowing EdChoice, there would need to be a priority system put into place to prioritize parishioners first.

- St. Ann - Parish subsidy for both parishes is 37% for the schools if we did a \$50 for parish families and increased tuition for non-parish families. If tuition increased \$50 across the board the subsidy for the school would increase to 51%.
- Sacred Heart is up in tuition from last year and is projecting more next year. Kindergarten is smaller, but there are doing a push on social media.
- St. Ann is also doing well in terms of tuition too.
- Motion to accept the increase to \$5000 tuition for non-parish families.
 - E. Fontaine made the motion. M. Wolf seconded. **Motion approves.**
- Motion to accept the increase to \$3950 tuition for parish families.
 - E. Fontaine made the motion. M. Wolf seconded. **Motion approves.**

Beacons of Light and Pastor Updates

- Director of Evangelization update
 - Jose Martinez has been hired. He will start this coming Monday, March 13.
- Mass Committee
 - The survey data has not been sent yet.
 - Identify representatives from each parish
 - St. Ann: Mike Wolf, Erin Fontaine, Carol Mulcahey, Donna Weber
 - Sacred Heart: Jeff Cadle, Jim Stemann, Dan Schindler, Joyce Thomas
 - There will still be two Saturday evening Masses. Sunday needs to be condensed to three Masses total.
 - Primetime – 8:30am – 11:30am on Sundays
 - The data from the Disciple Maker Index should be looked at determine what time is preferred by both parishes.
 - Fr. Tharp would like a survey of parishioners to determine new times.
- Catholic Conference of Ohio
 - Catholic Conference of Ohio has been struggling with a group that is pro-abortion who is trying to get an issue on the ballot to allow women to get an abortion up to the day of birth.
 - Fr. Tharp will distribute letter to both parishes for their awareness.
 - Fr. Tharp has received inquiries from Dayton and Cincinnati Right to Life to ask to come speak to the parishes. Fr. Tharp is concerned about having these groups come in due to the potential for people to see it as mixing church and state, which could cause some people to leave the parish.
 - Fr. Tharp would like to frame it as forming one's own conscience and how to make moral decisions, but not that people should vote one way or the other on Election Day.
- Phase One – Beacons of Light
 - All directors are now in place. July 1 will be the official announcement to the Parish.
 - Fr. Tharp is looking for a Director or Coordinator for Love in Action.
 - Love in Action is charity (Knights of Columbus, Social Action Committee, St. Vincent de Paul, Giving Tree, Thanksgiving Food Drive). Identify one

or two people to coordinate these efforts.

- If you have anyone in mind, please contact Fr. Tharp. He would like to begin discussions with the groups listed above within the next month.

Discussion and Next Steps

- Between now and the end of the year, think of ideas for a new name of the Parish Family.
 - There is information on the website below pertaining to that.
- **Pathway.catholicaoc.org** is the Beacons Pathway website. We are region **C4**.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30pm at St. Ann