

St. Francis Xavier
Parish Council Meeting
May 14, 2024

Members Present: Fr. Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Sandee Clark, Nancy Collett, Keith Meyer, Matt O'Connor, Paula Silliman, Chris Williams, Deacon Earl Baker

Others Present: Jennifer Sweeney

Members Absent: Joey Followay, Pattie Mattingly, Lisa Reed, Ed Scott, James Underwood

Meeting opened with prayer.

Presentation of Proposed Parish Budget 2024-25

Jennifer Sweeney and Chris Williams distributed copies of the proposed upcoming parish budget. Jennifer gave an explanation by account. Chris reiterated that this is a positive budget.

Nancy Collett asked about blue envelopes that parishioners are still receiving with an option for giving to the Capital Campaign, which has ended. Jennifer stated that the Finance Committee will discuss whether to keep those or change to debt reduction or all toward Legacy.

There is a surplus in money gained from collections. The Finance Committee will decide whether to use that surplus toward loan debt reduction or for purchasing items from "The Ask" which would help supply the newly renovated church spaces. The committee's goal is to be good stewards of the church finances.

Chris reminded council members to reach out to he or Jennifer with any questions as they review the budget more closely in the coming weeks. Dana will send copies of the budget to council members who are absent. The Parish Council will vote on whether to approve the proposed budget at the June meeting.

Nancy Collett asked about the success of the "I Give Catholic" fundraiser in November. Jennifer reported that the church raised over \$8,000 and used the money for furniture, televisions, tv carts, and other items for the Religious Education building.

Father Dale thanked Jennifer and Chris for their hard work on the proposed budget.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the February, 2024 minutes. Chris Williams moved the minutes to be approved as written; Matt O'Connor seconded; all in favor. Minutes were approved as written.

Pastor's Report

Father Dale reported that the annual Blessing of the Garden will be Friday, May 17. This is the ninth year of the Community Garden. Sandee Clark stated that all produce grown in the garden is donated to Community Ministries. Father Dale thanked Sandee and the other volunteers who serve by helping with the Community Garden.

Graduation Mass will be held Sunday, May 19, at 11:00 am.

Father Dale will preside over Nursing Home Masses at the following locations:

- Green Meadows - May 23 at 1:30 pm and July 25 at 1:30 pm
- Inspirations - June 27 at 1:30 pm
- Sanders Ridge - August 22 at 1:30 pm

The Sacrament of Confirmation is on May 23 at 7:00 pm with Father Dale presiding. Archbishop Shelton is not available on that date. Fourteen students will be confirmed.

Five new priests will be ordained on June 1 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Jeffersontown.

June 19 is "Moving Day" for all priests in the Archdiocese.

The Parish Office will be closed on May 27 for Memorial Day and May 30 for staff training.

Mass on the day of Summer Fest, June 8, will be at 3:00 pm.

St. Francis Xavier Staff Planning Day for the 2024-25 year will be on June 13 from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

Upcoming Staff Birthdays:

- Deacon Earl Baker - June 22
- Wende Aubrey - July 3
- Lauren Battcher - July 8

Father Dale's other duties include:

- Hosting the Priests' Support Group on May 28 at 1:00 pm
- Presbyteral Assembly at St. Meinrad on June 3-6

Old Business

Lou reported that the Men's Retreat and the 3-part series, "This is My Body" were both held in March and were well received.

New Business

Lou thanked Chris and Jennifer for presenting the budget tonight.

Lisa Pence will replace Dave Richardson as Youth Minister in June.

The selection of new Parish Council members will be June 9. Two members-at-large and one alternate will be selected. Council members Pattie Mattingly and Matthew O'Connor will be rotating off the council.

Upcoming Parish Dates:

- Summer Fest - June 8
- Safe Environment Training - June 10
- Vacation Bible School - June 17-21

Committee Reports

Administration

Chris Williams reported that replacement coils have been ordered for two of the church air conditioning units. They should arrive by the end of May.

Summer Facilities Board projects include replacing whiteboards in the RE building classrooms and painting the ramp to the upper Parish Hall.

The front door to the Parish Office has been painted, and the storm door and doorbell have been replaced.

The Facilities Board met with James Underwood to discuss electrical needs for Summer Fest. Updates and repairs are scheduled to be completed no later than June 6.

Formation

Paula Silliman reported that OCIA will be adding a new adult Confirmation program for people age 16 and older who have been baptized Catholic. We have two people already signed up.

There will be a Parish Mission planned for Lent 2025.

A Bible Study on the Gospel of John starts June 17 and will meet Mondays at 9:00 am.

Catechists of the parish are taking a certification course through the Archdiocese. We have nineteen catechists earning this Catechist Associate Level Certification.

Deacon Earl asked about the possibility of an evening Bible Study group. Paula said if there is interest, we need a facilitator.

Parish Life

Nancy Collette reported that the Rosary Makers donated money to Outreach Ministries. They have also donated eighteen rosaries and donated to the Taste of St. Francis.

The Youth Ministry gained four new members to their group through the Stewardship Campaign.

Stewardship

No report this month.

Worship

No report this month.

The meeting closed in prayer.

The next Parish Council Meeting is June 11, 2024 at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary