



St. Sebastian Parish Council

Meeting Agenda

8/25/2022

In attendance: Father Valencheck, Sue Susanno, Jennie Kilker, Linda Saliga, Jim Lundy, Ana Borges, Ed Pfeiffer, Susan Clark, Dave Gasper, Marcy Smith, Will Gibson
Excused: Hannah Paulin, Natalie Griffin-Kinney

7:00PM - 7:05PM

Welcome

- Opening Prayer (Ed Pfeiffer)

7:05PM - 7:45PM

Father's update - Brick driveways: three quotes were received to replace old bricks with the same new bricks that will be used for the impending Mull Avenue project. A contract with the low bidder is being finalized. Possible start later this fall.
Latin mass: still being discussed as to if this will continue in the future. For now, St Sebastian will continue this mass. This discussion phase will probably continue for the next year.

Old Business

- Meeting dates updated - meeting dates were updated to reflect a regular meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month
- Ministries - any updates on the contact lists, issues, etc?
Ministries were updated with regard to contact information and/or if ministry still exists. Book Study ministry was added. Young adult bible study was eliminated.
 - Socials Group – should we add to Pulse of Parish Updates? Yes. Council agreed to add this ministry
- Stewardship Parish research status - a goal of being a stewardship parish is to engage more of the parish. Discussed seeing if other parishes do this and their successes/difficulties. Also to see if this fits St Sebastian. Being a stewardship parish could drastically reduce or eliminate school tuition.

New Business

- 100th Anniversary - Organ music (Sue Clark) - The intent is to create a CD of music, recognize the choir and ultimately honor Lynn Frey. Possibly contain 12-15 selections including Christmas, Easter and Ordinary Time music. Record the music this fall when the church is empty/may need to hire additional musicians to round out the company. The entire project should take around one year to complete.
- Soft evangelization - Father Valencheck - what can we do to keep the parish healthy and growing? The number of families has always gone up.
 - - -Some issues: once day school kids graduate, the kids and families then volunteer at their new high schools instead of St Sebastian. How do we keep the families engaged all the time? -What we do well: keep the doors unlocked during the day (makes the church more accessible). Cameras are positioned around campus (feels safer). Property looks good. Signage around the property is good so people can quickly find where they need to go. Good communication from the parish/good school education.
 - Obstacles : mass is confusing for non-Catholics/non-Christians. Who do you contact to find out more about mass/Catholicism? The building itself can be intimidating/afraid to enter. If you were an outsider, what would bring you into the building (need to make it easy to want to enter.
 - Lost opportunities: the interaction from ushers upon entry into mass has lessened since missiles are now in the pews-ushers used to hand out missiles to congregation when they entered the church. Need to find passive ways to connect to parishioners. How to bring children/young adults to help with projects; get them involved and they can see how things get accomplished in the parish.
 - Physical hurdles: lack of parking. Not one office is handicapped accessible. No 'front door' to the campus. Offices scattered around campus. Donut Sunday is a distance from the church; congregation leaves instead of driving over to Z Hall.
- New member Photos (end of meeting) - new council member photos were taken and will be published on website.

7:45PM - 8:25PM
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Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports. Attached in separate

8:25PM – 8:30PM

Compline (Ed Pfeiffer)

Next Meeting:

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 7PM – 8:30PM St. Sebastian Rectory
Prayer and Compline – Natalie Griffin-Kinney