



St. Sebastian Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

9/28/2023

In attendance: Fr. Valencheck, Chris, Will, Sue, Patrick, Ryan, Terry, Jim, Barb, Dave, Ana, Linda

Excused: Hannah, Suan

7:00PM - 7:05PM

Welcome

- Opening Prayer (Barb Panzner)

7:05PM - 7:20PM

Father's update

- Blue Ribbon status for St. Sebastian School. 1 of 4 in the diocese and 1 of 19 in Ohio and 1 of 40 private schools in the U.S. to earn the distinction. On Monday, the bishop will have a celebration Mass at 10:00 am at the church. There will also be a mayoral proclamation. Fr. Valencheck and Mr. Rohr will go to Washington DC to receive the award in the near future.
- 5th time in a row the school has received the STEM Excellence Award.
- Pre-school won Beacon Journal 'Best of the Best'.
- Keeping the Faith Initiative. Every parish must have a parish school to support. Parishes are assigned to clusters by the bishop. St. Sebastian is initially placed with St. Hilary, Guardian Angels and St. Victor. Discussion on why/how this cluster was developed. Fr. Valencheck will look into this and see if there is a more logical cluster for the parish.
- Ed Choice tuition program. Continuing discussion is still ongoing with families and more clarity is occurring. HASA sponsored a town hall meeting the previous week and Milissa was on hand to answer questions.
- Organist opening. There are 4 applications. Auditions will start soon. Part of the audition will have the candidate practice 10 minutes with the choir with a song of St Sebastian's choosing. Another 10 minute session will have the candidate teach the choir something that they choose.
- The diocese is asking St. Sebastian parish to host the St. Jude relic as it makes its tour around the country. St. Sebastian will host the relic on November 2nd. Many

volunteers are needed for the duration of the day. It is anticipated that an extreme amount of visitors will make their way to St. Sebastian to view the relic. More information to follow and a sign up will be established to enlist the volunteers.

7:20PM - 7:40PM

New Business

- How is a Ministry created and recognized?
 - Ministries are created when there is a need and there is a service to the parish environment.
- Matters from parishioners
 - A question arose asking for information regarding the activities of the Parish Council. Discussion decided to add an alert in the bulletin with the link to the parish website to the Parish Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes. Also, an email will be provided for questions to be sent to the council.
 - The crucifixion artwork at the SE entrance has a table in front of it with a metal stand holding leaflets. The concern is that the metal stand may damage the canvas if the stand falls into it. Barb will look into this and provide a resolution.

7:40PM - 8:00PM

Old Business

- Evangelization Plan – Update and Action Steps
 - A meeting is being scheduled in early October to coordinate efforts with HASA Faith and Catholic Culture Committee of School.
 - A subcommittee is being established to continue to move the plan forward.
 - It is the intent to post the plan on the parish website when it is finalized.
 - Fr. Damian Ference, vicar for evangelization for the Diocese of Cleveland, will be consulted as well.
- Music CD rollout
 - Discussion on rollout date and whether to have a table at the back of the church for sales.
 - CDs are on hand with the ability to make more as demand calls for it.

8:00PM - 8:25PM

Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports

- Issue 1 Updates from Ministries (the council members will be sharing information with their ministries relating to Issue 1 as the election draws near).

8:25PM – 8:30PM

Compline (Barb Panzner)

Next Meeting:

Thursday October 26, 2023 7:00PM – 8:30PM

St. Sebastian Rectory

Prayer and Compline – Linda Saliga