



St. Sebastian Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

7/27/2023

In attendance: Hannah, Terry, Patrick, Sue, Susan, Fr. Bozek, Fr. Valencheck, Linda, Dave, Will, Barb, Ana, Ryan

Excused: Chris, Jim

7:00PM - 7:05PM

Welcome

- Opening Prayer (Ana Borges)

7:05PM - 7:20PM

Father's update

- Mull Avenue work: should be driveable by the beginning of school.
- Neighborhood house willed to parish: we are two months away from taking occupancy. Next week, we are able to work outside in the yard and begin cleanup (weed removal, etc.)
- Summer work crew: busy painting (freshening up signs) around the campus.
- Latin mass: This mass is extended through September for now. More information to follow on locations for this mass; one possible in Cleveland area and one possible in Akron area.
- House Bill 33 was passed which allows more schools to participate in the EdChoice program. This allows every Ohio student eligibility in the EdChoice scholarship. Scholarships start at approximately \$6100 per student and reduce on a sliding scale based on families' incomes. The scholarship funds would come directly to the parents who then, in turn, could use it to pay for tuition. The approximate cost to educate each student at St. Sebastian is \$7,000 per year with current tuition at about \$4000 for parishioners and \$5000 for non-parishioners per student. The result of this will be more funds to be reallocated elsewhere and make more scholarship dollars available from other sources. No one will pay more than they do now as a result of this program; most will pay less. The school is essentially full now and the intention is to keep class sizes small (20-22 students per classroom). As this program proceeds, it is intended to keep a stringent admissions policy with parishioners having priority. Student behavior and a commitment to academic will be important. Future discussions needed how this changes families investment in the school and parish. An August 10th town hall meeting is scheduled at St. Sebastian.

7:20PM - 7:40PM

New Business

- Ryan Arto Ad Hoc Committee Update
 - Issue 1 committee has had two meetings. Several parishioners are on the committee. Flyers and handouts have been made and will be available at weekend masses. Also, there will be a table at the parish festival and at Donut Sunday. There is confusion about this issue and it is important to get the proper information out.
- Review Member Information
- Review Parish Council Ministries Assignments
 - Assignments updated to include new members and remove former members.
- Select calendar dates for Opening Prayer and Compline, and Refreshments
 - Calendar reviewed and monthly members to be responsible for prayer and compline determined.
- Review Bylaws
 - No changes requested in the Bylaws.
- New Member Photos (after Compline)
 - Pictures taken and sent to Michelle Huber for inclusion on the parish website.

7:40PM - 8:00PM

Old Business

- Pig Roast August 4th (sold out!) & Parish Picnic August 5th
- 100th Anniversary
 - Review of list of possible ideas for anniversary. This item will be continued on future agendas.
- Evangelization Plan (TBD August)

8:00PM - 8:25PM

Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports (Year 2 and 3 members)

8:25PM – 8:30PM

Compline (Ana Borges)

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 17, 2023 7PM – 8:30PM

St. Sebastian Rectory

Prayer and Compline – Sue Sassano