

**St. Raphael the Archangel
Parish Council Minutes
8/28/19**

In attendance: Father Shayne Duvall, John Raque, John King, Bill Farmer, Mark Clemens, Director of Music Elizabeth Jackson, Principal Jill Tabor, Karen Frey, Susan Bientz, Abbie Creed, Sharon Roberts, Sean Baldwin, Mike Andriole, Morgan Kelty, Ryan Taliaferro, Ellen Hauber, Art Potter, Debbie Selby

Fr. Shayne opened the meeting with a prayer.

John Raque discussed minutes from May 30 meeting. Sean Baldwin and Art Potter were added to those in attendance. The minutes were accepted.

School update:

Principal Jill Tabor reported that the year began with 304 students. Brandon Holbrook has been hired as Children's Formation Coordinator. She will be using Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to teach the Bible and the Church. The goal is to strengthen the Catholic Identity of the students. This program may be a model for other parishes. The children's liturgy of the word will be extended to the full hour of Mass.

Parish Management:

The parish attempts to keep approximately 3 months operating expenses in bank.

The projected collections for next year have been kept at the 2018-19 level due to the overlap of the Capital Campaign.

The new budget includes cost for capital campaign. Some costs include professional services, printing, marketing and hospitality. The 2019-2020 budget was approved by the Finance Council and will be sent to the Archdiocese.

A copy of the new budget was handed out, accompanied by notes, information and explanation.

Music Ministry:

All the music ministries are growing. Cantor training workshop was held in August with 16 people in attendance. Some were current cantors others hope to become cantors. Plans are being made to train students to cantor at school liturgies.

There will be a Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Mass as well as on Mothers Day. There will be a school Mass choir to practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.

The choir has grown and further growth is predicted. More space is needed. Both organs are in need of repair. The projected cost is \$50,000 - \$75,000

There will be piano lessons offered in school. This experience will be called St. Cecelia Piano Academy. Youngsters will have the chance to play preludes or individual hymns at Mass.

The Louisville Master Chorale will perform on campus in the future.

Half sheet worship aids are coming in Advent.

Pastor Update:

The picnic was successful. The net receipts were placed in the Picnic savings account. Maybe next year there could be a specific target for that money.

Our CSA financial goal was raised to \$81,700 and the participation goal was set @ 343 households.

We have finished the first round of the Campaign. On September 13 the parishioner survey will close. The overall project will be examined. The plans must be submitted to the Archdiocese. We are required to obtain 3 bids to submit and already have one. The Campaign will be initiated in late fall.

Father Benny from India will be living in the rectory. He is working on an MBA at Bellarmine and will be assisting at St. Teresa in Fairdale.

Building and Grounds:

Much work has been completed for the gym. The work on the roof is complete. The concession stand has been enlarged. The gym floor has been redone as has the floor of the gym lobby. Two rooms have been prepared for pre K. They have new floors. All asbestos has been removed. The costs of these renovations have been paid in full.

The faculty and staff of the school will prepare a wish list of repair/ replacement of materials that will enhance the education of our students.

The next meeting will be September 25. The topic is Justice Ministry. How can we provide service justice outreach? Fr. Shayne asked board members to consider how this outreach can involve parishioners.

Meeting ended at 7:25 with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Roberts