

**Parish Council Meeting**  
**September 25, 2019**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**In attendance:** John Raque, Art Potter, Mark Clements, Fr. Shayne Duvall, Sharon Roberts, Debbie Selby , Jill Tabor, Steve Sternberg, Karen Frey, Sean Baldwin. Karen Frey, Ellen Hauber, Susan Bientz, Anne-Karrick Deetsch, Steve McSwain.

Father Shayne Duvall opened with a prayer.

Minutes were presented by Sharon and Sean. Steve Sternberg was present at the August meeting. Motion to approve passed.

Father introduced Steve McSwain of Generis-Ashley/Roundtree and Associates (GAR). Feasibility study is complete. St. Raphael had 400 participants, which is considered good participation.

**Steve McSwain:**

Very good news: Feasibility study complete. This is one of the best he has done. Thanks to Father Shayne and the St. Raphael capable staff. Parish is very welcoming. He feels they have a good sense of the parish.

Passed out a summary of the Report. PC get the full report. Personal names and comments are pulled out but given to Father Shayne.

1. 40 interviews conducted. 70 people. Very positive and pleasant.
2. 400 completed questionnaire. 300 - 44% of giving household. Strong number - good for these surveys. 44% is great. Most is 25%
3. Family that gives \$500 or more, they are very engaged.
4. Spiritually healthy parish for the most part.
5. Did not ask if they had children in the school.

GAR recommends moving forward with a Capital Campaign. The full report has been sent to the Archdiocese.

People think we can raise 2.5 - 3 million over the next 3 - 5 years.

- Building and grounds need to finalize a plan for the amount but have an expanded plan if we raise \$4 million.
- If we get approval from Archbishop, then move forward this fall. Some givers may want to give in this calendar year.
- Growing base of generosity.
- GAR will run the campaign. Archdiocese will give general approval first and let campaign begin.

Report passed around.

- Spot on the expansion of the sanctuary. Mixed opinions on the pews or ceiling. People want to see the strengthening of narthex. Also, they like connecting the school and parish office.

Need a connector between school and Sanctuary. This is not in the plan but should be. People want this.

Least importance was new multi-purpose room.

Father Shayne suggested renovating Raphael rooms etc instead of building a multi purpose room.

The issue of safety was raised in the school. Going to lunch students have to leave building and visitors need to knock on cafeteria door. Can this be enclosed?

Question: Will having the capital campaign affect general giving? Not really because the parish is so healthy.

Question: Can someone's company give? Yes. A business may contribute to the capital campaign.

### **Fr. Shayne Duvall:**

Social concerns: PACTS - Daryl Granger and Morgan Kelty. Oct 2 event: Love the Hungry. Parishioners will pack bags of food (rice based meals) to be sent locally and internationally. Students to help as well. Everyone is invited to help out.

In addition, parishioners may not know what we do. Offer people opportunities. Invite people to come. But then share what we are doing, for example - St. Vincent DePaul. Pray, serve, give together.

### **Principal Jill Tabor:**

Several members of St. Raphael attended the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) lunch. Robert Andriole spoke, a St. Raphael alum, who attends St. X. He represented both schools well.

Currently, she is getting an influx of interest in St. Raphael and has had many requests for tours. Some families are enrolling for the current year. We will be preparing for the Fall Open House.

Debbie Selby, parish manager, is working on the annual report.

Next meeting will feature the new Children's Ministry director Brandon Holbrooke to talk about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

The Meeting will be held on October 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne-Karrick Deetsch  
Secretary