

PC Parish Council Meeting
Minutes
October 28, 2020
6:00 pm – Narthex

In Attendance: Fr. Shayne Duvall, John Raque, John King, Principal Jill Tabor, Ellen Hauber, Sharon Roberts, Ryan Taliaferro, Morgan Kely, Karen Frey, Toni Evans, Joe Krill, Joe Blocker, Claire McCormick, Sean Baldwin, Mike Lutes, Art Potter and Anne-Karrick Deetsch.

Not attending: Bill Farmer and Mike Andriole

Fr. Shayne Duvall opened the meeting with Prayer.

John Raque: Minutes reviewed and approved.

School Report:

Principal Jill Tabor:

1. St. Raphael completed 9th week of in-person school. Monday - Tuesday with distance learning Friday. 35 students are on alternate education plans from home where they zoom into classrooms daily. Current enrollment is 348. There is continued interest from JCPS parents. Ms. Tabor can't guarantee how long we will be in person. We continue to follow Archdiocese guidelines. Students love being at school and are following all masking and social distancing measures.
2. St. Raphael School received the National Blue-Ribbon award for 2020. This is the third time SRS has received the national award. Fr. Shayne led the celebration with a dinner for the parish office and school faculty and staff at Captain's Quarters. The students will have new t-shirts and a Chick-fil-a lunch among other fun things. Everyone is very excited. Signs have been ordered and will advertise the award on the property.
3. Renovations of classrooms are moving forward. SRS will do 8 more rooms this year. It takes 3 weeks to re-do one room. The school is looking nice.
4. SRS will host a socially distant Open House - on Nov. 15 from 11-2. Prospective parents will go online to get a time for a private tour. Other schools having open houses similarly. Tour time slots are filling quickly and they may offer another day. SRS has to be creative with covid and open house.

Question: Total classrooms? We've done 5 so far and some offices. 10 spaces completed in all. We have 16 more classrooms to go. \$10 - 20,000 per room. Trying to get 8 more done now and then do a push with SRS alumnae funds if possible.

Question: How is Covid going in school? School has not seen a wide spread of Covid. 3 middle school students in the beginning. Quarantined the middle school for 2 weeks. Then nothing. We've had 2 more students this week. And a couple staff. But those students have not been around others and so they are able to quarantine at home without shutting down parts of school.

John King commends Jill Tabor and Fr. Shayne for the turnaround at the school and for the Blue-Ribbon Award. The parish council heartily agrees. Ms. Tabor noted that when asked for St. Raphael's "one thing" on the blue-ribbon application, she stated ours is our parish community - rallying and sticking together.

Parish Office Report:

Fr. Shayne on behalf of Debbie Selby:

1. See emailed financial reports from Debbie Selby. Although the report shows that we are \$5000 in the red, Fr. Shayne is not worried as this is typical for October and November as giving usually picks up in December for the end of the year. There is a roller coaster effect with cash on hand given the current projects and the capital campaign.
2. St. Raphael is in a good financial position. As of Jan 1, salary increases that had been frozen, can go into effect. From Jan to June for parish and school faculty and staff. PPE loan will be used and forgiven. It is sitting in a fund.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Shayne Duvall:

1. Capital Campaign update: Going very well with 372 pledges and \$3,095,000 pledged.
2. Stewardship is not great with regards to records. Angela Springer is now director of stewardship. She will be cleaning up the registry. How do we give time and talent during the pandemic? The parish will go back to 2 lectors per mass and some Eucharistic Ministers. Another question and concern are how do we do more social outreach during the pandemic.
3. Renovations: Once we get permits, would like to start Narthex in January: Narthex, bathrooms, and choir area and Organ. This project will take time and will not be done by Easter. We will wait to work on the school connector until early to mid-June. Hopefully, all should be done by 2022 when we celebrate our 75th anniversary. The timing for the Sheran Center renovations has not been set, but will happen in the future.

4. Anonymous funds have been donated to create a grotto dedicated to the Blessed Mother. It will be really nice to add to the property and display our catholic identity.

5. Advent in one month: This year's theme: Christ, Our Source of Hope. Increase and gain new hope: Hope of a little baby boy. Many things to consider for this year of the pandemic such as how best to do the communal anointing service.

New this year during advent: We may start offering a Sunday 5 pm mass to get more people back to mass. If this mass time does well, we will continue after Advent. Also, hoping in 2021 to bring back student servers.

Fr. Shayne will be adding Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:30 - 7 pm on Tuesdays during Advent. Since we now have cameras and can monitor, the church will be safe for having people come in for adoration.

6. Collaboration with St. Francis of Assisi parish: having Eucharist Adoration procession with Archbishop Kurtz through our neighborhood for peace and justice. This will be Nov. 8th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Raphael. Fr. Chandler will be here too. There will be two stops on the way. About 1-mile walk.

During Advent: Collaborating also with St. Francis of Assisi to offer more times for confession: Both pastors will offer confession at each other's parish during the week - i.e. each Wednesday. The dates and times are still to be determined.

7. Results of Christmas survey: St. Raphael will offer the following masses to celebrate Christmas: 4 pm, 7 pm (new time), 10 pm on Christmas Eve. And 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day. We are adding one more mass to give more space and options to parishioners.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting November 18th.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne-Karrick Deetsch
Secretary