

**QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS
Parish Council Meeting
May 27, 2015**

1. Opening Prayer and Mission Statement – Scott Gurley

2. Attendance:

Scott Gurley, Chairperson	Monsignor Simon
Dino Busalachi, Vice Chairperson	Kevin McNamara
Mike Redd	Chris Volansky
Tim Tierney	

3. Housekeeping

a. Nothing to report.

4. Commission Chairperson's Reports

- a. **Finance Council** – 27% of parishioners responded to the parish survey and approximately 30 families were interviewed. A report will be coming out on 5/11/15 at the capital improvement meeting in the cafeteria. The Activities Association has filled one of the two open positions in the concession stand. As of 5/26/15, approximately \$42,400 worth of car raffle tickets were sold. To date 308 people have sold tickets.
- b. **Christian Formation** – The School board met on May 18, 2015. Dr. Johns introduced the new school principal, Shannon Sanchez. Dr. Johns' last official day is June 30, 2105. Shannon is working closely with Dr. Johns to ensure a smooth transition to her new position. Dr. Johns has been meeting with the new PSR principal, Ann Bender, to discuss her role. Curriculum and teaching assignments are complete for the 2015-16 school year. Some staffing changes occurred. Among them, Kelly Baker, art teacher is now full time. She will be instituting the STEM program and participating in professional development this summer with "Project Lead the Way." She will be working with teachers to bring STEM into the classrooms. 8th grade students presented teachers with Surface Pro tablets earned through their fundraising efforts. Additionally, their fundraising efforts help to pay for some training via "Project Lead the Way". The school is considering opening a 4th classroom for the 2015-16 school year if enrollment continues to climb. While enrollment for Pre-K continues to climb, the school is only retaining about 50% of students into Kindergarten. Ideas regarding ways to increase retention were presented for consideration. Additional ideas are welcome. Monsignor reported that the parish is participating in the "Parish Planning & Viability Study" being presented by the Archdiocese. Monsignor announced that Fr. Fallon is being re-assigned. QAS will welcome a new priest and also a Transitional Deacon from the Seminary who will be living on-campus. Mike Redd discussed the current status regarding the Parish Picnic and the need for many volunteers. Ken VonderHaar discussed the Finance Committee budget for the 2015-16 school year, reporting that unrestricted giving is up about 5%

which is a positive since this has been stagnant for several years. With the unrestricted giving, there is roughly a \$20,000 surplus based on current assumptions. Teacher salaries are slated for a 3% increase. Some money has been allotted for STEM training and curriculum. Tuition was increased by 1.75% on the assumption that enrollment will be 310 students. There is some concern that enrollment may not meet the target. Details regarding the Capital Campaign were discussed. Certain urgent repairs & maintenance needs will be addressed first, then based on any additional funds received, there are several items on the “wish list” including a new gymnasium. The school instituted two new “technology” carts - one laptop, one iPad. The school was able to get some computers for the library. Each 8th grade student will have a laptop/iPad assigned for the school year. The firewall has been upgraded. All new technology purchases include a 3-year warranty. Insurance coverage options are being investigated. Online textbooks will be promoted more. The parent-student handbook is being developed. Two members of the School Board rotated off. Two members stayed on and one new member will be introduced. Tony Simokaitis will act as the new President. Mike Seppi will act as the new Vice-President. A meet & greet is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2015 from 10-12 to welcome the new school principal and PSR principal.

- c. **Christian Service** – The St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is preparing for the Walk for the Poor in October. It was also reported that the volunteer time slots for parish picnic prize room have been filled.
- d. **Liturgy Commission** – No report.
- e. **Social Life Commission** – No report.
- f. **Stewardship Commission** – No report

5. Old Business

- a. **Capital Campaign** – The campaign begins in earnest in 2 weeks when Monsignor begins his effort for large gifts. In the meantime, efforts are underway to finalize the wish list to present to the parish as part of the campaign. This list will be based on budgeting and survey results.
- b. **Website Updates** – Scott Gurley has yet to have any changes to the website for any groups. Dino Busalachi, the Parish Picnic Chairperson, requested that the Parish Picnic be put in the website homepage rotator.
- c. **Parish Night Out** – There will be the first Parish Night Out of the year on Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 6:00 – 10:00 PM.
- d. **Parish Picnic** – All Parish Council members and anyone else involved with the picnic are asked to attend the picnic meeting on Monday June 1, 2015 in the Church Hall.

- e. **Donut Sunday (picnic)** – June 7th is Donut Sunday for the picnic committee. Dino will manage Donut Sunday and find volunteers.

6. New Business –

- a. **Fr. Fallon Celebration** – To honor Fr. Fallon for his 3 years at QAS, we will be celebrating after his last mass with us after the 10:30 Mass on June 14th. Parish Council will man the event. Cake, coffee, punch and perhaps more will be served. Scott will talk to the office to arrange for the supplies. Laura Gurley will be in charge of decorating. We will plan for 300 or 400 people to attend.
- b. **Fiscal Year 2016 Parish Budget** – Finance Council member, Kevin McNamara, presented the FY16 budget. The budget is much aligned with last year with unsurprising ups and downs in various areas. The large stand out was the bottom line deficit of \$279,500. This deficit is explained as the fee for hiring the capital campaign coordination company along with the remaining payments on the school A/C equipment purchased this fiscal year. The deficit will be covered by the recently acquired Archdiocese line of credit.

7. Msgr. Simon/Fr. Fallon Report –

- a. Monsignor reiterated thoughts about the Capital Campaign and how good the response has been – it seems to be a promising endeavor.

8. Closing Prayer

Next Meeting is June 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Steve McMullen is responsible for Prayers and Refreshment.