

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Council
April 23, 2018 Minutes (Location: St Elizabeth Ann Seton)

Council Members Present: Fr. Cordier, Gayle Bibisi, Jon Burkhardt, Stephanie Dilonardo, Justine Lakatos, Steve Kroeger. **Absent:** Steve Vonderhaar

Fr. Cordier opened with prayer – March 26, 2018 minutes approved by Council; Agenda distributed.

Seton Parish Meeting

Parish Needs. Council reviewed status of key projects:

- Bell tower repair – power wash, tuck point, seal – on track
- Key pad lock for door into adoration/chapel room – complete, but still need night light
- New blinds/shades for cafeteria – complete, only allow ~ 3% light to pass through
- Trees to cut down on parish grounds (six trees and several bushes) – complete
- Steel door/frame replacements (three total) – Kitchen, Boiler and Pavilion – in progress, with cut-out frame
- Parking lot paving – in progress (Mark Benken patched several areas already – now has a new job)
- Landscaping/Bzak – in progress – initial work looks great
- New window for conference room

Fiscal Budget. Currently a deficit, but target remains a zero balance budget. Headwinds include: Bingo is down based on trending; festival budget is reduced; collections static; salaries increased; school enrollment off; Sunday Masses reducing from four to three. Potential offset is a stewardship drive to balance budget – \$5/wk per family would balance budget. Preschool continues as strong part of budget. Fiscal Year runs July 2018 – June 2019.

Church Air Conditioning. South side system is dead – compressor not working and coil/radiator in boiler room is leaking and is not repairable. Will be a major expense, and there is a potential to fund both the north and south at the same time since both systems are 30 yrs old. Agreed to follow-up with council after receiving quotes – and expected to request council approval from email.

St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Joint Meeting

School Notes.

- Registration for next school year is approx. 275 with enrollment target at 290. Preschool enrollment is very strong, above current preschool numbers.
- US Department of Education is expected to officially grant SASEAS the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence sometime during the month of May.
- Eighth graders toured the Athenaeum (boys) and Holy Spirit Center (girls). Very good feedback on both visits. Fr Cordier provided history lesson on both the Seminary in Mt Washington and Holy Spirit Center in Norwood.
- Short discussion on how to bring more kindergartners into school – including increased marketing to local Catholic high schools.
- Eighth graders traveling to Washington DC 5/18 and returning 5/22.

Theology Tapped. Great feedback on last session re: a Catholic doctor practicing in today's medical world. Next session will focus on living the single life.

Next Meeting – Monday, May 21, 2018 at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Seton Parish Council meeting at 7pm – joint meeting with St. Andrew at 7:30pm. Will discuss new parish council members for 2018/2019 year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Burkhardt