

## ST. LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 25, 2017 (Approved June 27, 2017)

### STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Pastor – Fr. Tony Smith  
Pastoral Assoc. – Bill Unruh  
Deacon Wayne Thieneman (excused)  
Chairperson – Joe Rickert  
Vice Chair – Matt Rasche (excused)

Formation – Vicki Neuner  
Worship – Dave Dalton  
Finance Council – Joyce Nelson  
Seniors – Paul Graf (excused)  
Booster Club – Kim Olbricht (excused)  
Personnel Committee – Gena Rasche (excused)  
NDA Representative – Dee Dee Nauert  
Stewardship – Charlotte McClamroch (excused)

### AT LARGE MEMBERS

George Morse  
Kenny Nauert, Sr.  
Marian Hendricks  
Denise Ruffra (excused)  
Marilyn McNeill (excused)  
Danny Atzinger  
Julianne Davis  
Josh Riley

Alternates:  
Mary Doris McCubbins  
Phyllis Ritchie

The meeting was opened with a prayer, offered by Fr. Tony, for all who are ill in St. Lawrence Parish. February meeting minutes were approved with a motion by George Morse, with second by Marian Hendricks.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

- Stewardship 2017 – Forms should have been returned to office by mid-March; parish may need reminder to turn in, so info can be given to Committee Chairpersons.
- Parish Finances going well – see Joyce Nelson's report.
- Archdiocese received \$1 million grant from Lilly Foundation, which will be used to pay for resources to come into parish to help set up a 5 year Strategic Plan for Finances. Three phases possible (Fall 2017/Spring 2018/Fall 2018).
- NDA tuition increase for next school year. Need 5 extra families to replace the 8<sup>th</sup> graders graduating. All staff have received new Archdiocese Personnel manuals, which contain several changes.
- Have received estimated cost to repair the boiler of \$1000.00. Replacement with Geothermal still down the road.

### Finance Council – Joyce Nelson

The Church Budget for 2017-2018 was distributed to all present. Due to no Youth Minister salary, was able to lower the Picnic budget to a more attainable figure. Want to take the Picnic out of the budget. Also included in this budget \$5000 for computers, \$4000 to paint the church, \$5000 to seal the back parking lot, and for chair rails in church. Kept \$2500 in Youth budget, for Notre Dame Vision and NCYC financial aid. Can ask also for CEF grants. Will follow Archdiocese recommendations for staff salaries.

Haven't yet received budgets for Parish Hall, Seniors, Boosters, CEC. These will all equal out to zero.

Cathedraticum Tax was reduced from 7% to 6.5%.

The balance of church loan as of end of March is \$45,534.94. Making payments on Rockford Lane property.

EFT – Received \$4129 via EFT in February and \$4300 in March.

The budget presented was approved by Finance Council on April 18, and approved by Parish Council on April 25, 2017.

Grounds & Maintenance – Matt Rasche reported via email, that a new air compressor was purchased for \$100, as the compressor from the garage went missing over the winter.

Booster Club – Joe Rickert reported the Lenten Fish Fries went well. The last one had low attendance due to Spring Break week. Hope to replace gym floor next year. Have requested a new refrigerator in field house. Field hockey and soccer going on now. Sign-ups for football are next. Need more ads for the fence advertising.

Josh Riley asked about cost for the ads – Joe advised \$300 for 2 years then \$100 per year, for a 3x6' sign. Golf scramble is scheduled for July.

Stewardship – Charlotte was absent, but Fr. Tony reported he has received several good comments regarding the announcements and pictures of new families on the screens in Church.

Picnic – Joe reported on recent meetings. Will presell tickets after Derby, for the chicken dinner on Saturday of Picnic. Will have bands both nights. Will advertise with signs at many locations. Buckets for wrapped candy will be available next weekend. Will have a couple of “donation” booths: one with gift cards (\$5 minimum) and 2 liters for a ring toss booth. When the gift card donations are requested, will ask everyone to tape the receipt to the back of card. Books/DVD booth is questionable, due to shortage of booth captains. Mary Doris McCubbins suggested TV weather personnel should be asked to televise live at the picnic. Mary Doris also brought the quilt her family is donating, hand made by her mother, Maggie Stinson. Chances will be sold in gathering space after Masses, in addition to picnic, at \$2.00 per chance.

FORMATION – Vicki Neuner reported there was some negative feedback on the Lenten Parish Mission. Committee discussed at last meeting, and next Mission will be a more revival type spiritual mission. The Women’s Retreat is scheduled for October 6-8, at Flaget Center.

Bill Unruh reported the Smith family were baptized and the parents received other Sacraments at Easter Vigil. DiCaFF’s closing Mass is tomorrow. There are 3 youth interested in attending NCYC in Indianapolis. Vacation Bible School is June 4-7 at Incarnation.

Notre Dame Academy – Dee Dee Nauert advised Elaine Bachman was chosen as Principal, with Ashley Titus as Vice-Principal. This will require hiring a new 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students did a wonderful job with their Holy Week participation. Activities are planned for Derby week, with door decorating on Monday, Horse racing on Tuesday, Volleyball tournament on Wednesday, Chow Wagon and STEM project on Thursday. The Robotics team will be on the IUS float in the Pegasus Parade. An Academic Fair is scheduled for May 9, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. There will be an Art Fair in the gym, Science Fair in 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> classrooms, and projects in other classrooms. 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip is May 11. Field day is May 25, with last school day May 26.

Worship – Deacon Dave discussed the Easter Liturgy. 14 new servers are excited, and all did a great job.

Seniors – No report.

St. Vincent de Paul – April and May dinners are cancelled.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Fr. Tony reported he will meet on Thursday to discuss an installment ceremony and reception for the new Holy Cross High School President, to be held at St. Lawrence on June 28.

Dee Dee Nauert advised there will be a “Farewell” ceremony on May 16, at 1:00 PM, for outgoing NDA Principal, Bernice Scherr.

Kenny Nauert asked if Fr. Peter Bucalo (new Mary Queen of Peace Administrator) would meet with NDA students before end of school year. Fr. Tony advised his new position is not official until June.

Meeting was adjourned with motion by George Morse, with second by Vicki Neuner. Meeting closed with prayer and then everyone singing “Happy Birthday” to Fr. Tony and Phyllis Ritchie, and enjoying the cake Joyce brought to celebrate.

**Next business meeting is Tuesday, May 23, 2017 (Note: May meeting was cancelled. Next meeting was June 27, 2017.)**

Respectively submitted, Dee Gossman