

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL
AUGUST 27, 2019 (Approved September 24, 2019)

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Pastor – Fr. Bill Burks
Pastoral Assoc. – Bill Unruh

Chairperson – Joe Rickert
Vice Chair – Matt Rasche

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

AT LARGE MEMBERS

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

Alternate:
Mary Doris McCubbins (excused)

Fr. Bill opened the meeting with a prayer. Matt Rasche presided over meeting, due to Joe Rickert running late. April meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Marilyn McNeill, with second by Denise Ruffra.

PASTOR’S REPORT

Fr. Bill is very appreciative of the welcome he has received at St. Lawrence. Has been to all Parish organization meetings, except Boosters. Has also visited at NDA frequently. Working with Fr. Peter Bucalo on NDA Masses and Sacraments. Good start to new assignment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Joyce Nelson

Joyce distributed April Finance meeting minutes, which were approved on August 20, 2019. Tithing down ~ 9% each month; down \$28,000 for year. As of June 30, parish in positive, except for CEC. Matt Rasche asked how can operate in negative. Joyce explained we use other accounts money. Joyce also explained reasons for CEC negative – smaller classes, overtime pay to staff, lost after-school care. CEC raised salaries in hope to attract workers, but still problem with staff. 3-year old’s have 2 classes with 23 students total. Pre-K has 2 classes with 32 students. Before school care has 11 children. There were 28 enrolled in Summer care. The CEC needs a finance board.

PICNIC – Joyce reported picnic net profit @ \$21,000, with rainy weekend. Expenses were kept down. Having a committee to assist Randy England was big help. Discussion followed regarding other picnics and reasons for downturn in participation in parish picnics. Fr. Bill said if not a community social event, the event doesn’t go well. Discussed history and future. Fr. Bill will discuss soon with parish at Masses.

Grounds and Maintenance – Matt Rasche reported there are 3 new volunteer families. Issues include fence by ball field, need trees down at CEC, fence at Ft. Meder Road. Bluegrass Lawn & Garden donated 2 trimmers. Boosters will put sign on ball field to advertise them. Fr. Bill advised the bushes at St. Lawrence sign need to be trimmed. Matt will take care of that. Discussion followed regarding need for lights at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church sign in front. Further discussed LED signs. Fr. Bill will check with his previous parish regarding cost and who installed their LED sign. Suggestion made to ask for donations from parishioners to fund LED sign. Joyce will check on laws/ordinances regarding placement of signs on Rockford Lane property at James R. Meder Road.

Booster Club – Joe Rickert reported that Fall sports have started; Volleyball and football. Football Jamboree previous weekend received ~ \$3600.00 profit. NDA football teams include students from St. Paul, St. Andrew, St. Nicholas. Sunday games will be hosted at St. Lawrence field. Looking at moving the flag pole by the scoreboard.

Boosters cont'd - Scoreboards in gym need bulbs. Joe reported there is a problem with plugs – may need to replace the scoreboards. Looking at options. Floor on maintenance plan – still paying loan for new floor, currently have ~\$42,945 balance.

Stewardship – Fr. Bill reported he sees need for Evangelization / Stewardship / Outreach person on staff in future.

Faith Formation – Bill Unruh

Women's Retreat is being planned for weekend of October 18-20. The presenter, Kathleen Mitchell, will speak at Masses the weekend of September 7-8.

Committee is planning to present a Dynamic Catholic DVD, *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*, during Advent, in the evening. Presentation will be followed by discussion time and refreshments.

Bill reported he is in contact with Dynamic Catholic, and is looking at possibility of hosting a Dynamic Catholic Event with other SW Dixie Hwy parishes.

DiCaFF – Jacqui Rapp replaced Sara Young at Mary Queen of Peace, as DRE.

RCIA – There are 5 or 6 adults interested. Deacon Dave Dalton is on team this year. Classes on Thursday.

Sacrament meetings are planned for families of students making First Eucharist or Confirmation on September 7 or September 9.

Bill reported ongoing ministry to sick/homebound, bereavement meals for funerals, & cards to family after death.

Notre Dame Academy – Dee Dee Nauert

Dee Dee reported the new school year transition went well. The students love new look in building. Elaine Bachman sent info recently to staff reporting NDA is down 9 families under budget from last year, but Dee Dee reported just got 1 family back, so now only 8 down under budget from last year. 3rd and 4th grades are full.

The opening Mass was awesome! 8th graders are stepping up for leadership role. Starting prayer groups – 8th grade will lead with 37 prayer groups. There is one adult for each group. Prayer groups will have first meeting on Friday, where they will choose a Saint name for group, and will create own prayer. Theme of the prayer groups is: STRIVE – Service / Thoughtfulness / Respect / Integrity / Voice / Empathy. Fr. Bill has asked 8th graders to serve at funerals. Fr. Bill drops in to visit at NDA frequently.

Joyce asked Dee Dee if the recycle bin is under contract? Dee Dee will find out and let her know. Discussion followed regarding possibility of working with Rubicon on recycling.

Beginning to plan the Rosary Garden.

Youth - Fr. Bill advised he will try to attend NCYC at least 1 day, connected with Holy Cross HS. Hope to have a Youth Minister by next year. Lecturing with Parish youth going well at weekend Masses.

Worship –Deacon Dave said the youth participation at weekend Masses light up the church!

Dee Dee reported on upcoming servers meeting for 5th grade & up. Discussion followed regarding youth Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers. Fr. Bill advised youth must be Confirmed before can serve as Sacristan.

OLD BUSINESS

Gena Rasche asked about discussion at April meeting regarding idea to honor Clara Zoeller on her 90th birthday. Joyce advised decision made to name the Community Room the **Zoeller Community Room**. Will have signs made, and will dedicate the room at a later date after a Sunday Mass.

Matt Rasche asked about need for 1 alternate Parish Council member. Joe Rickert said he has 2 people who may be interested, and he will contact them before the next meeting to fill this position.

Joyce reported that Joe Burke arranged a lawyer to check on Rockford Lane property. Estimate \$3500-\$4000 plus purchase price to be able to use the property. Will discuss further at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Danny Atzinger opened discussion regarding digging for a line to illuminate the St. Lawrence sign. He said he can arrange for labor to dig, if Parish will pay for installation and materials. Fr. Bill and Council approved Danny's request. Need to check zoning regulations and WIFI connection for this project. Fr. Bill advised NDA has approached him regarding re-looking at installing playground. Will discuss at next meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Kenny Nauert, with second by Danny Atzinger. Meeting was adjourned with everyone praying Hail Mary.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019.

Respectively submitted,
Dee Gossman