

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 26, 2019 (Approved March 26, 2019)

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Pastor – Fr. Tony Smith
Pastoral Assoc. – Bill Unruh

Chairperson – Joe Rickert
Vice Chair – Matt Rasche

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

AT LARGE MEMBERS

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

Alternate:
Mary Doris McCubbins

Fr. Tony opened the meeting with a prayer. Joe Rickert welcomed everyone and thanked Council for their candor and input at the January meeting with representatives from the Archdiocese (Rev. Jeff Shooner and Rev. Brian Kenney). Short discussion followed. October meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Kenny Nauert, with second by Marilyn McNeill.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- (1) Parishioner loans are continuing to be repaid. Need to continue to encourage parish to use the “blue” envelopes to reduce parish debt.
- (2) Picnic – need booth captains. Will have chicken dinner this year. Band/music on Friday and Saturday.
- (3) NDA Endowment in name of Fr. Tom Gentile NDA Endowment. Proposal to sell St. Denis property. When sold, Fr. Peter will donate \$10,000 to endowment.
- (4) Rockford Lane Neighbor’s property update: Won’t pursue purchase, due to liens & property condition.
- (5) Youth Ministry is ongoing discussion. Marilyn McNeill shared info regarding upcoming National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), scheduled for November 21-23, 2019 in Indianapolis. Discussion followed regarding youth involvement/ministry. There are 93 St. Lawrence high school students attending Catholic high schools, that Parish pays tax to Archdiocese.
- (6) CSA – St. Lawrence Parish met goal.
- (7) Strategic Plan – Parish Council should keep the Strategic Plan in front of them. Let Fr. Tony know of any issues before the new pastor is announced.
- (8) Received an email from NDA Vice Principal regarding a playground for NDA grades K-2nd grade. Issues discussed include insurance, liability, placement, funding. Will continue discussion.
- (9) Discussed the recent news regarding sex abuse by Cardinal in Australia. Will keep parish informed.
- (10) Geo-thermal discussion/investigation is ongoing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Joyce Nelson distributed notes from recent Finance Committee meetings. Highlights included: Tithing for the Fiscal Year/quarter down 9.4%. Church envelopes from new company. Heater replacement in parish hall \$5,285. Quote \$6500 for air handler in the upper gym (bill will be split with Boosters). Closed out program for St. Vincent DePaul as of October 2018. Archdiocese audit went well.

Booster Club – Joe reported that Lenten Fish Frys will begin March 8, for 6 consecutive Fridays, which include Spring Break. Prices will go up due to sales tax required now. Archery Club will run the cake wheel. Food and turnout was great for Monte Carlo, held on February 16. Have received lots of complements on the gym floor. Boys volleyball coming up.

Grounds/Maintenance - No report

Stewardship/Discernment– Dee Dee Nauert reported that she and Phyllis Atzinger met recently to divide the Stewardship ministries into the 3 areas defined by Discernment Committee: Family Life / Education / Outreach. Ministries in Stewardship book will be put under 1 of the 3 areas. Julie Davis distributed a list of Community Outreach Programs that St. Lawrence is currently involved in, with description of program and contact information. These include: American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Knights of Columbus Newman Council, Nursing Home Ministry at Rockford Manor Nursing Home, Senior Club, Shively Area Ministries, St. Vincent de Paul. Fr. Tony advised that Parish provides a place for Boy & Girl Scouts to meet only.

Faith Formation– Vicki Neuner reported that Bill Unruh will have *Word Among Us* books available and will promote Best Lent Ever. Bible Study will begin March 11, for 4 weeks, on Mondays from 10:00 am – 12:00. Study group will discuss Early Church. Will NOT have a Mission this year, due to Fr. Jerry Bell not available. Couples Night planned for Saturday, February 23 was cancelled, due to only 2 couples (other than committee members with spouses) registered.

Notre Dame Academy – Dee Dee Nauert reported that Terra Nova testing is coming up for grades 3, 5, & 7. Next year will adopt a different testing. Looking at security doors for the classrooms. Open house was held on a bad weather day, but still had several tours.

NEW BUSINESS

Joyce advised Fr. Tony's Retirement party is scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. Will have a Pot Luck meal, with parish providing chicken. Need an Entertainment Committee to plan party.

Motion to adjourn made by George Morse, with second by Kenny Nauert. Meeting was adjourned with everyone praying The Lord's Prayer.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019.

Respectively submitted,
Dee Gossman