

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
February 28, 2017 (Approved April 25, 2017)

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

AT LARGE MEMBERS

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

Alternates:
Mary Doris McCubbins
Phyllis Ritchie (excused)

The meeting was opened with a prayer offered by Fr. Tony. January meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Denise Ruffra, with second by Danny Atzinger

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Fr. Tony is still working on a letter to School Families regarding Church attendance.
- CSA Follow-up – Satisfied with Parish contribution. Next year Archdiocese will have a \$3.75 million goal. Archdiocese is reducing Cathedralism to .25%. Recommended staff salary increase 2-2.5%.
- NDA Boiler- Fr. Tony mentioned changing to Geothermal by be pipe dream. See Joyce's comments below.
- Continuing discussions with Dick Deats regarding planned giving.
- Stewardship Process 2017 – Books are out; need forms to be returned to office by mid-March, so names can be given to chairpersons for follow up.

Finance Council – Joyce Nelson

Regarding Debt: Recently \$36,000 applied toward loan. Currently owe Archdiocese \$45,534. Owe \$101,500 to parishioners. Some have changed from loan to donation. \$71,000 donated toward church debt. Monte Carlo did very well. Net ~ \$24,000, which will take care of Parish Hall expenses. Tithing up \$89 in January to budget. Up for year \$2044 to budget. Keeping down expenses. Recent trouble with boiler – Schardein ordered pieces, and donated time to install. Asked for payment for materials only. Need re-wiring. EFT tithing - > \$3,000 in January; > \$4,000 in February. Will report EFT tithing numbers in bulletin 1 time a month. ~ 40 families using EFT. Most school families don't use.

Grounds & Maintenance – Matt Rasche reported they are getting ready for Spring. Council discussed that the renters at Rockford Lane house will maintain their yard with a mower that was donated to them.

Booster Club – Joe Rickert reported the Monte Carlo went great. The main loan for field house is due July/August. May roll over for gym floor. Will get 3 bids for floor. Doing soccer signups and volleyball. Intramural soccer is planned for Spring. Noted attendance is up at meetings. Lenten Fish Fry will start Friday, March 3, thru April 7, from 5-8:00 PM. NDA Athletic Club is running the cake booth.

Picnic – Joe reported on recent meeting. Dates will be same as previous years. Will have chicken dinner on Saturday only. Friday will have fried/grilled booth. Bands proposed. Friday will be geared toward adults. Will pre-sell tickets for chicken dinner at \$12 each / 2 for \$20 / kids \$6-7. Chances are ordered. Discussed expenses vs profits, with suggestions to get more donations such as for 2 liters for Ring Toss booth, and a booth with Gift Cards. Matt Rasche will chair a Marketing Committee. Will try to get more involvement. Will not sell left over chicken. Jody Meiman, Joe Burke, and Dee Dee Nauert will run the kitchen. Will need more help with clean up on Sunday. Need Picnic Co-chairs!

Mary Doris McCubbins offered to donate a quilt in her Mother's memory.

FORMATION - Bill Unruh reported on the following:

The Couples Dinner went well on Saturday, January 28, with Deacon Stephen Bowling & his wife, Susan– 12 couples attended.

RCIA - Enrollment of the Smith family will be at 10:30 Mass on Sunday, March 5. The Rite of Election is scheduled for March 5, at 2:30 PM, at St. Peter the Apostle.

Lenten Mission is scheduled for 3 consecutive Mondays, March 20, 27, and April 3, with Fr. Charlie McCarthy. Topic is The Sacraments: Invitation, Conversion, Action. Fr. Charlie requested a split format, with morning and evening sessions. Morning session 10:00-11:30 AM; evening 7:00-8:30 PM. Fr. Charlie also requested sessions in the Community Room instead of in Church, with no tables, only chairs that can be moved around to form group discussions.

Bill will have following available in gathering space for parishioners: Little Black Books, Word Among Us, the Lent 2017 Pocket Schedule and Regulations, and Rice Bowls.

Confirmation – scheduled for April 19 at St. Lawrence. 34 8th graders from NDA and DiCaFF will be confirmed. 8th graders had retreat at Crossroads Ministry, and service at St. Vincent de Paul kitchen. They then went to St. William to share their experience.

Grant Requests: Judy Stinson and Bill have submitted CEF grant requests for NCYC in Indianapolis and Notre Dame Vision.

Stewardship - Charlotte McClamroch reported she is doing research on the visitor ribbons/cards. Also looking at cards to invite people to attend Mass. Will send examples of cards to Council for approval before printing.

Notre Dame Academy – Dee Dee Nauert advised the Principal search has been narrowed to four. Interviews are scheduled for Tuesday. Hope to name new Principal after those interviews. Fr. Tony mentioned concern for replacement when Fr. Tom Gentile retires – need pastor who will be supportive of NDA.

Kickoff for Terra Nova testing, with pep rally today. KYA kids are at KY Youth Conference. Bills passed at KYA in regard to corporal punishment in schools; they spoke today in Frankfort.

Robotics competition during upcoming weekend. This is first year for NDA; hope to do well.

A NASA Aerospace Engineer, Patrick Lampton, spoke to 5th-8th graders today. Talked about Mars Mission and mission to Europa, a moon of Jupiter. NDA is looking for other professionals to speak to the school.

6th grade is in charge of Ash Wednesday school Mass. Look for their footprints, traced along with their pre-school buddies, on walls of church.

Seniors – Paul Graf thanked the teachers and staff at NDA in regard to keeping parking spots closest to Community room door open, on Wednesday meeting day. Much appreciated. Paul advised the Seniors need a Spiritual Director.

Worship – Deacon Dave reported this committee will meet next week to prepare for Easter. Holy Week is planned. The next Men's breakfast is March 11. Will decide then to change to quarterly breakfast, instead of monthly.

Worship continued

A server meeting was held last night, with 25 attending. 4th graders will meet next Monday, but some have soccer practice, so they can attend a meeting in a couple of weeks with 5th and 6th graders.

Fr. Tony purchased new banners for church – they are very nice and much appreciated. Hope to have banners for each season.

St. Vincent de Paul – Denise Ruffra reported the February dinner had ~ 40 in attendance; received \$326 donations. This amount will help ~ 6 families. Next dinner is March 15, with pork chops being served.

Consolation – Bill Unruh reported he and Mary Doris McCubbins will meet after Easter.

NEW BUSINESS

Fr. Tony reported he has been asked to write an article for *The Record* on Pope Francis' Encyclical on Environment. The Bishops are asking to have prayer before and after meals. Also asking to set aside a natural space. Joyce mentioned a company, Rubicon, is collecting and recycling all garbage instead of sending to landfill.

Dee Dee Nauert reported 13 youth attended recent meeting to show interest in Ministry at Mass, but actually have ~ 19 youth interested. Dee Dee and George Morse noted they understand Jim Hutchins has concern that the lectors will be trained sufficiently. They plan to have training with the youth for all the positions needed for this ministry. Will set up practice sessions. Hope to have a Sunday designated, and may start with 7th & 8th graders.

Meeting was adjourned with motion by George Morse, with second by Julie Davis. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Next business meeting is Tuesday, March 28, 2017. (Note: March meeting was cancelled.)

Respectively submitted,

Dee Gossman