

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
January 23, 2018 (Approved February 27, 2018)

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 (excused)
Seniors – Paul Graf (excused)
Personnel Committee – Gena Rasche
NDA Representative – Dee Dee Nauert
Stewardship – Charlotte McClamroch

AT LARGE MEMBERS

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

Alternates:
Mary Doris McCubbins (excused)
Phyllis Ritchie (excused)

Fr. Tony opened the meeting with the Prayer for Parish Discernment. November meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Danny Atzinger, with second by Bill Unruh.

PASTOR’S REPORT

- Stewardship Fair had a good response. The drawing for the bear was not held on Sunday, but drawing will be held at this meeting, after business is complete.
- Finances – Fr. Tony reported in Joyce Nelson’s absence. Parish finances are “bent but not broken”. Report from Joyce detailed numbers at end of December 2017, as reported to Archdiocese. These numbers included balance for checking account, Loans, amount to be repaid to parishioners. Tithing for the last quarter of the year was up, which resulted in slight increase for total year. There are now 58 registered for online giving.
- CEC – Income above budget, due to tuition being paid in full by several families. CEC needs more staff in order to continue the programs currently in place. Ads have been placed, but no applications received.
- Church debt donations down from budget. Received a generous donation from an estate.
- Parish Discernment – A letter was sent from Fr. Tony to 60 parishioners to attend a meeting on Thursday, January 25, at 7:00 PM, with Denny Nash, to explain the process, and establish the Core Team. After Core Team is formed, they will schedule a Parish Listening Session in February. At this session, parishioners will gather to discuss how St. Lawrence Parish will respond to the 3 areas explored in Archbishop Kurtz’s Pastoral Letter: Family Life / Education and Lifelong Formation / Service and Outreach.
- Picnic – Need chairperson(s) to follow Randy England.
- Facility Update – Mike Murphy wants to retire; Matt Rasche reported there needs to be an actual Maintenance Committee. Need to check Stewardship forms in ref to talents/ability that could be valuable to this committee. The gym roof is leaking. Replacing the walk-in refrigerator. Joe Rickert advised there are several resourceful people in Booster Club to address the needs in gym. There are many concerns with the aging facilities. Need a major project to identify all future needs. Some needs that have already been identified are painting in Church, chair rails in gathering space and Sacristy, wood trim along the floor, change lights.
- Strategic Plan – need more follow up.
- Other issues are future of Youth Ministry, Planned Giving, and NDA geothermal heating for NDA.

Grounds & Maintenance – See comments above regarding needings Committee & identifying talents in Parish.

Booster Club – Joe Rickert reported the ticket sales for Monte Carlo are going well; less than 50 left. Selling 330 tickets this year, for Monte Carlo scheduled for February 10. Discussion followed regarding if all tickets are sold, a person(s) can pay a cover charge at the door to attend, but will not be in the drawing for the \$10,000. Getting quotes to replace the stairs on outside of gym. Also getting quotes to replace the gym floor, & lights on practice field. Fish Frys will start on Friday, February 16. The Carter family gave a generous donation to update the football complex. Texas Roadhouse closed the Dupont location, and donated some equipment to Boosters. Booster Club donated \$1000 to NDA Athletic Association. This club meets the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

Stewardship – Charlotte McClamroch thanked everyone who helped with the Stewardship Fair on Sunday, January 21. Bill Unruh interjected that Gena Rasche and Judy Stinson worked hard on preparations for Fair. There was an awesome turnout. Received positive comments regarding filling out forms on 2 year basis, instead of every year. Will collaborate with NDA on Spring Fling. Goal of this committee this year is to never hear anyone say, “I signed up, but never got a call.” Looking at text message alerts for needs at events. Looking at sending a survey through the Blast regarding Youth Ministry. The jar with the tickets for the bear was brought up, and Charlotte drew the name of Luke Glass.

Personnel – No report from Gena Rasche.

Picnic – See comments in Pastor’s Remarks. Will schedule a meeting soon.

Formation – Bill Unruh reported that Mandy and Kevin Harvey received the Rite of Acceptance at 10:30 Mass on Sunday, January 21. They will be moving to a deeper study and involvement in Parish in preparation to be baptized at Easter Vigil, along with their 2 children. Jesse Schuler and Linda Dockery serve on RCIA team with Bill. Bible Study resumed on Monday, January 22, with morning session only. Talking to Brother Bob Baxter regarding a Lenten Evening of Reflection on either February 20 or March 6. Confirmation sponsor/candidate meeting is rescheduled to Monday, February 5 with Coach Glaser from St. X. Confirmation candidates will have retreats at Crossroads Ministries on February 20 and March 2.

Notre Dame Academy – Dee Dee Nauert reported conferences were held today, January 23. NDA sent a team to the Governor’s Cup for 1st time, and came in 2nd by ½ point. Team will be going to Regional Tournament. Robotics teams are ready to compete.

Worship - This committee will meet the 1st Tuesday of February to plan Lenten Liturgy. Many good comments regarding Music Ministry with Patrick Hughes. Need to review levels of servers, and advance some servers. Art/Environment – Fr. Tony reported that Ann Yates appreciated the help to remove the Christmas decorations.

Seniors – No report.

St. Vincent de Paul –Denise Rufra reported that Larry Cissell is new chef, and is planning to prepare fried chicken for the February dinner.

NEW BUSINESS - Bill Unruh reported that while Deacon Wayne Thieneman is at Park Terrace, he will make calls to shut-ins in Parish to check on them. Fr. Tony reported that Mary Sands is resigning as Captain of Bereavement Committee. Discussion followed regarding Eucharistic Ministers. Fr. Tony advised he will only make announcements from the pulpit if the item is not announced in the bulletin.

Meeting was adjourned with everyone praying The Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2018, 4th Tuesday of month.
Respectively submitted, Dee Gossman