

**ST. LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL
MAY 29, 2018 (INFORMAL MEETING WITHOUT QUORUM)
APPROVED JUNE 26, 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 (absent)
Worship – Dave Dalton
Finance Council – Joyce Nelson (excused)
Seniors – Paul Graf (excused)
Personnel Committee – Gena Rasche
NDA Representative – Dee Dee Nauert (excused)
Stewardship – Charlotte McClamroch

AT LARGE MEMBERS

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

Alternates:
Mary Doris McCubbins
Phyllis Ritchie (excused)

Fr. Tony opened the meeting with Prayer. NOTE: There were not enough council members present to hold a formal meeting, so following are informal notes regarding items discussed. February minutes could not be approved, nor could the budget presented by Joyce Nelson be approved, due to absences.

Chairman, Joe Rickert, reviewed the council membership list (update August 2017), which shows Marilyn McNeill and Denise Ruffra's terms ending June 2018. Fr. Tony advised there were no parishioners listing Parish Council on their Stewardship form, other than those already serving. Marilyn McNeill advised she would serve another term, if desired by Council. Joe will contact Denise to see if she will continue to serve or not.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Finance / Budget – Copy of Joyce Nelson's meeting notes dated April 17 were distributed, along with copy of proposed budget for FY 2018-2019. Following notes include discussions in regard to these documents:

- Balance of loan to Archdiocese as of March 30 is \$30,836.42. Discussion followed regarding can pay this debt from current account. Need continued donations in blue envelopes. Debt owed to parishioners is \$98,500. Will begin to pay \$1000/month to donors in July 2018.
- CEC – After school program will be discontinued, due to lack of workers. Loss of after school program will impact NDA budget and St. Lawrence budget. Summer program in place with 25 attending. Fr. Tony mentioned may be a good idea to ask Suzanne Stewart to update Parish Council regarding status of CEC.
- Tithing down 9%. Budget includes a dollar amount for Youth Ministry.
- NDA receives 15% of tithing from St. Lawrence Parish.
- Regarding Maintenance shown in Budget, Danny Atzinger asked for further explanation. Fr. advised the amount shown on budget sheet includes Maintenance salary, plus equipment and supplies. Discussion followed regarding questions of large items on budget – will ask Joyce to break down and explain further these large items, such as amount listed under Dept. 10, Church. Do not need breakdown of individual salaries, but a total salary number plus what else falls in that category.

Facilities Update/ Needs

- Need painting inside Church, chair rails in gathering space & Sacristy. Checking options for replacing wooden baseboard in gathering space. Constant trouble with lights may have solution, with new LED canned lights. Danny Atzinger suggested the dimmer system be checked to handle new LED lights, before installation.
- A Rockford Lane property owner has approached St. Lawrence concerning purchasing the back half of her property, near parish hall. This would be about ½ acre. Members present agreed this should be pursued, so Fr. will discuss further with owner, ask about a price, and clarify all legalities.

Issues from Pastor’s Perspective:

Discernment – report published in *The Record*. Will bring up again in Fall with Committee, to discuss Parish Council actions needed.

Need Strategic Plan follow up.

Need presentation to Parish regarding Planned Giving.

NDA Geothermal heating system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grounds & Maintenance – Matt Rasche advised there is 1 new member, and have positive responses from volunteers. Picnic cleanup is 9:00 AM on Sunday, June 10. Holy Cross students will take booths down. Fr. Tony asked Charlotte to ask Patrick Hughes to put info on screens regarding needing cleanup volunteers.

Booster Club – Joe Rickert advised Archdiocese approved a \$50K loan for gym floor. The plan is to start on floor after Summer Monte Carlo, scheduled for August 4. Should take 3-4 weeks. Will paint gym before floor replaced. Boosters paid debt on field house. Joe Rickert reported Boosters have installed lighting on back ball field, and will install a new score board this fall. Little's soccer is finished this week, so will begin football field maintenance after that. Planning a golf scramble in July.

Stewardship – Charlotte McClamroch reported she is working on Picnic with Randy England. Advised it is renewal time for the “BLAST”, and asked PC if she should renew? Council agrees to renew. Discussed recent conversation with some friends who attend a parish in Indiana, and how they handle Stewardship. Need volunteers to talk up Stewardship, and online giving at Masses.

Personnel – No report from Gena Rasche.

Picnic – Members present understood need for more volunteers; dealers for card games & more gift certificates.

Formation – Bill Unruh reported the Women’s Retreat is scheduled for weekend of September 28, at Mount St. Francis. Disappointed that CEF grant was only \$300, to apply against cost for retreat. Committee will need to determine cost for this year.

RCIA - Mandy and Kevin Harvey and daughters have officially joined Parish.

Vacation Bible School – Next week, June 3-6, at Incarnation.

Confirmation – 35 St. Lawrence eighth graders were confirmed on April 18. Next year’s class will be smaller.

Outreach – Mary Doris McCubbins reported this committee will be sending a letter to homebound on their birthday. Will send additional letter bi-monthly to let them know they are thought of. Committee also is sending 4 cards per year to a family that lost a loved one. Bill Unruh reported there are several new Eucharistic Ministers visiting homebound, and taking communion to them.

Notre Dame Academy – No Report

Seniors – No report.

St. Vincent de Paul –no report.

Worship - Deacon Dave reported that Patrick Hughes will take over this position.

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

Next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Very important that Council members attend this meeting! Budget and previous minutes need to be approved.

Will plan July Reflection Day at June meeting.

Respectively submitted,
Dee Gossman