

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
November 28, 2017 (Approved January 23, 2018)

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

AT LARGE MEMBERS

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

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

Matt Rasche chaired the meeting, due to Joe Rickert's absence. The meeting was opened with a prayer, offered by Deacon Dave. October meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Kenny Nauert, with second by Danny Atzinger.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Financial Strategic Plan – Staff has been given some info on Parish Discernment. Will have more details in January.
- Discussed Fr. Mark Spalding being named Bishop of Nashville – who will be his replacement as pastor at Holy Trinity and also as vicar general of Archdiocese.
- Facilities Update Needs – following updates are being arranged soon: painting inside Church; chair rails in gathering space & Sacristy; change lights.
- Future of Youth Ministry – Recent meeting with Frs. Chuck Walker and Peter Bucalo, who are ready to plan. Need Parish Council to nominate some people in parish to lead Youth Ministry. Seems to not be parent involvement for youth ministry. Discussed how to start, and recommendations from Parish Council. Charlotte McClamroch suggested she could put together a survey to ask for interest and who would be willing to help out with youth. Gena Rasche offered to help Charlotte come up with questions for the survey. Draft of survey will be shown to Fr. Tony for approval, before sending out.
- Geothermal heating for NDA is an ongoing subject.
- Fr. Tony discussed Cathedraticum tax.

FINANCE COUNCIL – Joyce Nelson reported the following:

- Tithing for October was up by \$4206 (compared to budget), due to 5 Sundays in month. Still down for the year by \$4,574 (compared to budget). October EFT tithing \$6,100.08 with 43 donors.
- Church loan balance owed to the Archdiocese as of October 1 is \$36,562.62.
- Rockford Lane loan balance October \$57,416.94.
- Arranging to paint the Sacristy before December 9; getting quotes for painting the gathering space and bathrooms. Will paint the church in phases.
- Need to have someone take a look at the wood baseboards in the gathering space, which are gaping away from the wall.
- CED needs 2 before/after school workers. No success from recent advertisements. Discussed the issue of raising the wage with Archdiocese, who OK'd raise if CEC can put in their budget. If higher wage for new hires, then some current workers would need to be raised as well. Discussion followed regarding raising salary to \$10.00/hour and the low wages child care worker make. Marilyn McNeill offered to post the job ad at the Early Child Development Dept.

Grounds & Maintenance – Matt Rasche referred to Joyce's report on painting project. The new mower is working well. New trees were planted and 1 tree removed.

Booster Club – Dee Dee Nauert reported Basketball and littles volleyball started. Still considering replacing gym floor. Adult volleyball is going on Friday and Saturday nights. The gym stairwell is closed off due to the steps are unsafe, and need to be replaced.

Stewardship – Charlotte McClamroch reported she will meet soon to plan the Stewardship Fair – date not yet set. Will set up tables with chairpersons able to answer questions. Charlotte is preparing a letter to the parish families asking them to pray as a family about the opportunities in the booklet. Will change the booklet to every 2 years instead of every year. Matt Rasche asked if the booklet can be put online as a PDF file? Charlotte will look into this. Because of the current parish system, the info has to be input manually. Need updated email addresses for the Blast.

Marilyn McNeill announced the next blood drive is first Sunday in January 2018.

Personnel – Gena Rasche advised this committee has not met recently.

Picnic – Fr. Tony advised need committee meeting to discuss proposed changes. Need co-chairpersons.

Formation – Vicki Neuner reported the Formation Committee has 2 new members. Advent Day of Reflection is Thursday, December 7, with Brother Bob Baxter, in the Community Room. The Committee will provide a simple soup supper, at no charge, but free-will offering can be made. Committee will tour Mount St. Francis facilities in December, as a possible venue for the 2018 Women's Retreat.

In Bill Unruh's absence, Fr. Tony advised Confirmation for 8th graders is planned for April 2018, at Mary Queen of Peace. Planning Reconciliation service in November.

Notre Dame Academy – Dee Dee Nauert reported the Main Event took in \$35,144 before expenses, which resulted in \$28,286 profit after expenses. This amount is split with the NDA PTO. The class baskets were up \$4500 from last year, due to gift cards made baskets most desirable. Report cards went out electronically before Thanksgiving. Snow day protocol is set, with the first 2 days free and next 5 days online at home, starting with day 3. "Go Guardian" is on chrome books, so teachers can see what students are doing. NDA is approved for 2 teams of "Girls on the Run", an after school program to empower girls.

Worship – Deacon Dave Dalton reported since Sue Utley moved to Indiana, Barbara Brewer will take over as Hospitality chairperson. Also need a chairperson to replace Bob Korte as Usher chair. Dave Maxwell is taking over server training. Music Ministry is going well with Patrick Hughes.

Seniors – No report.

St. Vincent de Paul – Joyce reported the Thanksgiving collection amount was \$293. Dee Dee reported the 6th grade will shop for 20 kids thru St. Vincent de Paul. Noted the Star Tree program at St. Lawrence benefits Sister Visitor.

OLD BUSINESS - Danny Atzinger brought up the need for lights on the stone St. Lawrence sign on Lewiston. Danny offered to donate the labor needed to run electricity; will contact someone to dig a trench and connect. George Morse asked what about a sign similar to Holy Cross High School? Discussion followed, and this subject will be investigated further.

NEW BUSINESS - Parish Council annual Christmas gathering will be on Tuesday, December 19, at 6:00 PM, in Community Room. Members may bring spouses, and appetizers to share.

Meeting was adjourned with motion by Kenny Nauert, with second by Dave Dalton. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Next business meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2018, 4th Tuesday of month.

Respectively submitted,
Dee Gossman