**ST. LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MAY 23, 2022 – APPROVED JULY 19, 2022**

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE MEMBERS

Pastor – Fr. Bill Burks George Morse

Pastoral Assoc. – Bill Unruh Kenny Nauert, Sr.

 Marian Hendricks (excused)

Chairperson – Joe Rickert Denise Ruffra

Vice Chair – Matt Rasche Marilyn McNeill

 Danny Atzinger (excused)

Formation – Vicki Neuner (excused) Julianne Davis

Worship – Karen Kuenzig (excused) Josh Riley

Finance Council – Joyce Nelson

Personnel Committee – Gena Rasche Alternate:

Stewardship – Deacon Dave Maxwell Mary Doris McCubbins

NDA – Dee Dee Nauert Aimee Burton (excused)

Joe Rickert welcomed everyone and Fr. Bill opened the meeting with a prayer. April minutes were approved with a motion by Denise Ruffra, second by Mary Doris McCubbins.

**PASTOR’S REPORT**

* Fr. Bill reported that he, Deacon Dave Maxwell, and Gena Rasche have conducted interviews for the Parish Manager position. He will meet again on Tuesday, May 24 with the final candidate, so will know final decision then. The Parish business will go forward until the new person takes over for Joyce.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance – Joyce Nelson – Joyce distributed the proposed 2022-2023 budget and financial notes. Started with a very lean budget. Susan Goebel updated Joyce with new families and stewardship forms, resulting in a positive number for budget. Highlights reported by Joyce: Income shown in budget was based on $522,000 tithing, including on-line and envelopes. Joyce explained all the income shown under #10 Church. 15% to NDA is included in the #10 expense. Discussion followed regarding the NDA holdback account. NDA rent has not been raised in 3 years. Utilities are reported in #88. Community room rentals are back, & parish is paying someone to clean up after. CEC is holding their own and are fully staffed, with 2 classes each for 3 & 4 year old’s. The picnic is not included in the budget. Gaming # 15 covers licenses for all events.

Julie Davis asked about the closing on the house that was donated to St. Lawrence. Fr. Bill advised closing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, and proceeds will help pay for the parking lot repairs. CEC will be assessed an amount also for the parking lot cost.

Kenny Nauert made a motion to approve the budget, with second by Julie Davis.

Grounds/Maintenance – Matt Rasche reported the vendor has been selected for the parking lot repair, and has been approved by the Archdiocese. Had a walk-through with the vendor this morning. Discussed crosswalks & games for NDA students. Dee Dee Nauert advised NDA asked to repeat what’s there now. Discussion followed regarding speedbumps and what to do with the bumpers along the ditch. Some may be relocated. Matt advised the project would take 2 full days work, and will be scheduled for after the picnic weekend.

Booster Club – Joe Rickert reported there hasn’t been a recent meeting. Booster golf scramble is scheduled for September 10 at Shawnee Golf Course. Spring sports are finished. CSAA sports are scheduled to start the last week of July. Having trouble getting referees. The previous “facility fee” has been rolled into fees families pay at NDA. Ice maker in concession stand needs replaced before the picnic. Joyce advised we are renting a freezer for the picnic to store ice.

Stewardship – Dave Maxwell advised there is a welcome for new members on June 5.

PICNIC – Scheduled for June 11. The committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 25 at 6:00 PM, to finalize plans. Need to start advertising, placing yard signs, and posting on Facebook. Joyce reported to date, 450 chances for 50/50 have been turned in, and 310 chances for the quilts. 87 families have turned in chances to date.

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Faith Formation – Bill Unruh reported First Communion was held on May 1. Had 4 baptisms on May 15 at 8:00 AM Mass. Bill is going to a Theology of Ministry session on May 24. Fr. Bill advised St. Lawrence parish will join with St. Paul and Incarnation for Vacation Bible School this year. Will announce details at this weekend Masses. Will plan to bring back to St. Lawrence next year.

Notre Dame Academy – Dee Dee Nauert reported MAP testing is complete. Recently held a retirement party for Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Potter, with their families present. In addition to these retirees’ positions, need also some middle school positions. Interviewing for replacements. Thursday, May 26 is Field Day, with final dismissal for school year on Friday, May 27, at 11:00 AM. Teachers will attend Personal Development on May 31, June 1-2. There is a new tutoring program, funded by an EANS grant, involving 6 or 7 teachers.

Youth Ministry – Michael Raymer sent report via email prior to meeting. Highlights included:

St. Lawrence hosted a Youth Minister’s gathering with 11 youth ministers from Archdiocese of Louisville, in the Upper Room, on Monday, May 17. Discussed Care for Creation, as each gathering was focused on a work of Mercy.

By end of next week, Mike will have hosted the 6th & 7th graders in the Upper Room for a youth Ministry Experience, in place of their religion class. We discussed Saints as a prelude to the 7th graders picking Saints for Confirmation. Also discussed service opportunities and did team-building activities.

The Youth Ministry will oversee the bouncy play area at the June 11 Picnic. We are partnering with St. Peter the Apostle YM on a trip to Franciscan Soup Kitchen on June 16. Planning a trip to Holiday World on July 12 for servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, as a thank you for their service to the Church. St. Lawrence Parish will cover admission cost and bus transportation. The students wanting to go on the Guatemala Mission trip are unable to do so, due to financial constraints. Will plan to fundraise to that they can go next year. Mike is planning summer one-off events to keep our kids engaged, and will be restarting High School Ministry with 2nd Sundays. A Youth Ministry summer calendar is in the works.

St. Vincent de Paul – Denise Ruffra reported the monthly dinners in community room will start in August.

Worship – Karen Kuenzig sent a report via email prior to meeting, with following highlights:

A sign-up/commitment form has been submitted to NDA to invite 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th grade to sing in a choir for school Masses and Church. Will plan rehearsal time when hear back from interested students. Students will be welcome to sing at any Mass they attend, or as a group.

The Rich family planted the Easter lilies in front of the Virgin Mary grotto. The hospitality for the Archbishop’s visit was fantastic. Karen will be contacting Richard Venhoff regarding lessening noise of the Baptismal Font. Getting with Mike Raymer about pointers he learned at a workshop to improve our welcoming as a church – putting best folks in key places. The choir will chair the ring toss booth at the Picnic. Will starting planning Liturgy for Ordinary Time, very soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Joe reported the PTO has offered to donate picnic tables near the new playground. Matt said picnic tables would cause a problem with grass cutting. Discussion followed, with Fr. Bill reminding that the playground was not intended to create a public park/picnic area.
* Joe reported he has gone over Stewardship forms and is working on replacements for members that will step down.
* Julie asked if St. Lawrence has a wheel chair that can be used for someone needing assistance getting into Mass. Joyce advised we do have a wheel chair, and Hospitality Committee should be advised and alerted to provide such assistance.
* Dee Dee asked Dave if server training is planned. Dave suggested training will be planned before school starts.
* Fr. Bill advised he would like to welcome new PC members, and thank retiring members in July.

Motion to adjourn made by George Morse, with second by Kenny Nauert. Meeting was adjourned with a prayer, offered by David Maxwell.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 26, AT 6:30 PM, IN COMMUNITY ROOM. (LATER CHANGED TO JULY 19.)**

Respectively submitted,

Dee Gossman