**ST. LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL / FINANCE COUNCIL**

 **MARCH 19, 2024 (APPROVED APRIL 23, 2024)**

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE MEMBERS

Pastor – Rev. Bill Burks George Morse

Director Youth Ministry Josh Riley (excused)

 & Faith Formation – Mike Raymer Sarah Burke (excused)

 Angela Taylor

Chairperson – Matt Rasche Danielle Wiegandt

Vice Chair – Aimee Burton Amy Wilson

 Abby Nauert

Finance Council – Emily Rickert (excused) Beth Rich

Worship – Karen Kuenzig

Planning & Maintenance – Matt Rasche Alternates:

Stewardship – Deacon David Maxwell (excused) Linda Morris (excused)

Formation – Vicki Neuner Justin Endler

Personnel Committee – Gena Rasche

NDA – Dee Dee Nauert

Booster Club – Joe Rickert (excused)

Fr. Bill opened the meeting with a prayer. Matt welcomed everyone to meeting. January meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Danielle Wiegandt, second by Aimee Burton.

Fr. Bill reported the Sacrament of Confirmation of 8th graders went great, and thanks to catechists & Mike Raymer. The Confirmation Retreat didn’t work out so well. First Eucharist Workshop was held last Saturday and was well attended. Planning/practicing for the Passion Play – will perform for NDA on Thursday, March 28, for St. Lawrence Parish on Good Friday, March 29. Will also perform play at Holy Cross HS, a video tape, and later at Mary Queen of Peace, after Spring Break. Fr. Bill appreciates the cooperation from NDA staff to prepare for these performances. Noted that Mary Queen of Peace Parish is presenting a Passion Play on Sunday, March 24, at 6:00 PM.

Matt asked if Council has any Parish concerns. Beth Rich suggested the front porch roof at the rental house on Rockford Lane is sagging, & needs to be looked at.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Fr. Bill advised the office is still transitioning to the new Archdiocese software system. Will meet with Archdiocese CFO and Mary Head on Thursday morning to work out issues. Collections are going well, slightly under budget. Hope to present a preliminary budget to Parish Council at next meeting. Questions were asked regarding final report on 2023 Picnic. Fr. advised still cannot give an accurate profit amount for that yet. Discussion followed regarding lack of reporting for finances, and plan for picnic. Dee Dee Nauert advised there has recently been a Picnic Committee meeting – Committee is looking at holding a one-day picnic on Saturday only. Need someone to shadow Randy England, with goal to take over the position of Picnic Chairperson.

**GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE –** Grass cutting schedule is out. Matt reported there were 11 new sign-ups on Stewardship forms. From that, there are 6 new committee members who have committed. Lost 2 from past year, so will have 4 additional volunteers. Schedule will be on a 4-week rotation. Donations are pledged to replant the round stone planter in front of Church. Will be repairing the air conditioner in NDA cafeteria.

**BOOSTERS –** Dee Dee reported the Lenten fish fry’s are going well, and asked for feedback on the change in how the lines worked last Friday. Discussion followed.

**FAITH FORMATION –** Mike Raymer reported Religious Education classes are going well. Great teachers. Planning Vacation Bible School with Incarnation, in June.

**YOUTH MINISTRY –** 8th graders recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Preparing for Appalachian trip and trip to Guatemala. Mike meets with 6th graders on Fridays after school and 7th/8th graders on Mondays. Recently had a guest speaker regarding Cerebral Palsy awareness month & fund raiser. Attended the Cabrini movie with Youth Group.

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**NDA** – Dee Dee Nauert reported working on Mission and Vision. Hiring 5th grade teacher and several teaching assistants. Ms. Dant is on maternity leave and Ms. Binder from CEC took over her classroom. Fr. Bill advised CEC is adjusting coverage & responsibilities. 8th grade will perform Passion Play for all of school on Thursday, March 28, at 10:00 AM. NDA is off school on Good Friday, with Spring Break the following week. Will have MAP testing end of April. May 15 is graduation. Y-club did very well at KUNA. Robotics team did very well at competition – 20-24 students will compete at State in Lexington, next week.

**WORSHIP –** Condolences to Karen Kuenzig on death of her Mother.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS - CLOUT –** Beth Rich reported on the rally held Monday, March 18. There are 24+ congregations involved in CLOUT, along with Metro Louisville and JCPS representatives. Top concerns are: Children & Youth reading scores, Older Adults-Villages Program, Community Safety & Equity, and Crime & Violence. Beth reported more details on each of the 4 top concerns. Beth advised there will be a rally at Memorial Auditorium in April, that they are hoping for a large crowd to show concern of these issues. Also reported on a Safety Bill, being pushed in Frankfort, that includes issues on homeless people.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Matt reported that 2 council positions are due to be complete in June, George Morse and Josh Riley. Justin Endler agreed to move from alternate into 1 of the positions – Matt will contact Linda Morris to ask if she would also move from alternate to At Large Member.
2. Need Parish Council Constitution reviewed and updated – please contact Matt if you would like to serve on a committee to do this.
3. ***Divine Renovation*** book and program (by Fr. James Mallon). Suggestion that everyone read this book and will have a discussion later.

The meeting was closed with a prayer offered by Beth Rich.

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024, AT 6:00 PM.**

Respectively submitted,

Dee Gossman