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

**may 23, 2023 (APPROVED SEPTEMBER 6, 2023)**

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE MEMBERS

Pastor – Fr. Bill Burks George Morse (excused)

Director Youth Ministry Kenny Nauert, Sr.

& Faith Formation – Mike Raymer Denise Ruffra

Josh Riley

Chairperson – Matt Rasche Sarah Burke

Vice Chair – Aimee Burton Angela Taylor

Danielle Wiegandt

Finance Council – Emily Rickert Amy Wilson

Worship – Karen Kuenzig

Planning & Maintenance – Matt Rasche

Stewardship – Deacon David Maxwell (excused) Alternate:

Formation – Vicki Neuner Mary Doris McCubbins

Personnel Committee – Gena Rasche Joe Rickert (excused)

NDA – Dee Dee Nauert

Booster Club – Joe Rickert

Matt Rasche welcomed everyone. Opening prayer was offered by Fr. Bill. April meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Mary Doris McCubbins, with second by Denise Ruffra.

**PASTOR’S REPORT – REV. BILL BURKS**

* Interviewing for part-time bookkeeper – one interview today, and one on Thursday. Committee doing the interviews consists of Fr. Bill, Deacon David Maxwell, and Joyce Nelson. Will advise further.
* Graduation went well. This is last week of school. Fr. Tom’s last Mass with NDA was last Thursday, May 18. The school children showed their appreciation to Fr. Tom after Mass. Deacon Kenny Nauert was at the Mass. The new pastor for Mary Queen of Peace is Rev. **Benni Pengiparambil, C.M.I.-** he’ll be in place about the 3rd week of June. Look forward to welcoming him to the area.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – MATT RASCHE**

* We’re obtaining quotes for renovation of CEC and need Archdiocese approval. Current estimate is $145,000, with using some volunteer labor. Floors estimate is $60K, for same floor as was put in NDA library. Need to get another quote for flooring (~4800 square feet). Mary Doris suggested buying the flooring, and having it installed, may save money. Matt advised the demo of bathrooms will be done by parish volunteers. Have received quote from Louisville Tile. Painting is estimated at $12.5K, with multiple quotes received. Plumbing will be a big expense. Volunteers will install electric. Next week, after Memorial Day, will move everything out. Will need volunteers for demo the week of June 12. Discussion followed regarding placement of PODS, for storage, to avoid conflict with Picnic.
* Parishioner Criteria Steering Committee consists of Aimee Burton, Danielle Wiegandt, Gena Rasche, Denise Ruffra, Kenny Nauert, George Morse, possibly David Wood. Need a leader for this committee, and put the criteria in the NDA handbook. Discussion followed regarding how to collect the data from QR codes to be used for attendance at Mass. Committee will check and report quarterly. Members will self-report their participation. Captains of each Stewardship committee will audit participation. Discussion followed regarding QR code, which is a tool that will hopefully build enthusiasm for attending Mass as a family. Discussion followed regarding how to implement the criteria before budget is set for NDA next year. There should be a committee review of all 3 criteria by January/February for budget purpose for 2024-2025 school year, if need to change from active to inactive. If family is changed from active to inactive, they will be charged full tuition rate for March & rest of school year and the following school year. Fr. Bill will meet with the committee before he leaves for summer. The criteria should be designed to grow in Faith. Parish shouldn’t subsidize tuition for non-active families.
* Stewardship sign ups planned for September, including a Ministry Fair. Suggestion made to combine Stewardship/Ministry Fair, with a celebration of St. Lawrence’s feast day, weekend of August 12-13. Discussion followed regarding making it clear as to the requirement for the service part of Stewardship.
* Matt reported 2 At Large Members are reaching the end of their time on Council: Kenny Nauert and Denise Ruffra. They agreed to stay on until the Stewardship Fair, to see if new parishioners sign up for Parish Council.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance** – Emily Rickert reported the Finance Committee approved a deficit budget, knowing the deficit can be taken from savings account, if needed. Mike Raymer sent copy of budget prior to meeting. Council voted to approve. Question and discussion regarding bulletin expense – no expense to Parish, as ads cover cost.

**Grounds & Maintenance** – See Chairman’s report regarding Child Enrichment Center. Grass cutting going well.

**Boosters –** Sarah Burke reported Boosters need quotes for gutters for Parish Hall. Matt will arrange to get quotes for NDA and Parish Hall.

**Picnic** – June 9-10. Dee Dee Nauert reported still need a captain for Dice Booth. Only a few chances for 50/50 Reverse Raffle have been sold – $50/chance - online sales only. Suggestion made to sell at Masses.

**Faith Formation** – Fr Bill reported on meeting with committee on Sunday to discuss results of recent survey. Will start small group scripture studies in the Fall – will give more information to Parish in June. Vacation Bible School with Incarnation in July.

**NDA** – Dee Dee Nauert reported Field Day is Friday. New fiber is being run to building – will be activated July 1. New PA system. Security door will be installed. All complete before start school.

**Worship** – Karen Kuenzig sent report via email prior to meeting. Highlights include: Had a meeting with 3 captains and some members of Bereavement Committee on May 22. Looking to expand the committee to plan/provide refreshments for special Parish celebrations. Suggestion to put electric in the closet next to Reconciliation room, so refrigerator can be put in there, for refreshments in the gathering space. Discussion followed regarding responsibility of NDA to clean up after themselves when they use the Community Room.

**Youth Ministry –** Mike Raymer sent notes prior to meeting. Highlights include: Bibles and Bagels, weekly Bible study at Panera Bread, June 5, 12, 26, and July 3, 17, 24, 31. Guatemala Mission Trip July 7-16 with 3 adults and 2 students from St. Lawrence. Doing fund raisers to help with cost. Holiday World trip for Youth Ministers – may not be able to plan this unless students cover their own cost. Holy Fire Jr High Conference in Nashville in October – est. cost $93/person. NCYC in November for High Schoolers – est. cost $485/person, with need to purchase tickets in June to get discount rate.

* Mary Doris McCubbins advised the passing of Sharan Benton, who served at St. Lawrence many years.

Motion to adjourn made by Kenny Nauert, with second by Josh Riley. Fr. Bill closed the meeting with prayer.

**THERE WILL NOT BE A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE. MATT WILL ADVISE REGARDING A MEETING OR RETREAT DAY IN JULY.**

Respectively submitted,

Dee Gossman