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

**NOVEMBER 28, 2023 (aPPROVED JANUARY 23, 2024)**

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE MEMBERS

Pastor – Fr. Bill Burks George Morse

Director Youth Ministry Kenny Nauert, Sr. / Abby Nauert

& Faith Formation – Mike Raymer (excused) Denise Ruffra / Beth Rich

Josh Riley (excused)

Chairperson – Matt Rasche (excused) Sarah Burke

Vice Chair – Aimee Burton Angela Taylor

Danielle Wiegandt

Finance Council – Emily Rickert (excused) Amy Wilson

Worship – Karen Kuenzig (excused)

Planning & Maintenance – Matt Rasche

Stewardship – Deacon David Maxwell Alternate:

Formation – Vicki Neuner Mary Doris McCubbins / Justin Endler

Personnel Committee – Gena Rasche (excused) Joe Rickert / Linda Morris

NDA – Dee Dee Nauert

Booster Club – Joe Rickert (excused)

Aimee Burton welcomed everyone. Opening prayer was offered by Fr. Bill. October meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Denise Ruffra, with second by Sarah Burke.

**PASTOR’S REPORT – REV. BILL BURKS**

Fr. Bill reported the Finance Council has new members, and will meet in January. Reported also regarding recent finding of empty shell casing in parking lot, and window damage at an NDA classroom, as a result of gunshot. Reported to police and window has been repaired. Glad security measures are in place. Discussed need for a universal fob available for safety reasons. Discussion regarding certain doors that lock without fobs. Need to address this as a fire code violation. A new manually opening gate has been installed – need to make sure the gate is closed at end of school day.

**Parishioner Concerns** – Neither Matt or Aimee have received any concerns for discussion at this meeting.

**NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Aimee welcomed the new PC members: At Large: Abby Nauert and Beth Rich. Alternates: Justin Endler and Linda Morris. Many thanks to outgoing members, Kenny Nauert, Denise Ruffra, Mary Doris McCubbins, and Joe Rickert. Their service was greatly appreciated. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Grounds & Maintenance** – In Matt’s absence, Fr. Bill reported that the dead tree at CEC came down. Bids received for gym roof and minor work on church. Recent gas leak repair will be expensive – bill not received yet.

**Booster** – Joe Rickert sent report via email prior to meeting: Monte Carlo scheduled for February 10. Working with school on upgrading doors and security cameras around Parish Hall. Getting quotes for Parish Hall new roof. Financial reporting is still not right – Tim Dewees is scheduling a meeting with parish office to review. Booster Club hasn’t been able to review/verify deposits/expenditures since switching to new system. (Fr. Bill advised this has been addressed and corrected.)

**Stewardship** – Reports should have been sent to all Chairpersons/Captains. Fr. Bill will check in office.

**Picnic** – Dee Dee Nauert reported the committee will meet after first of year, 2024. Haven’t yet received the financial report on 2023 picnic. Need full report on each booth. Discussion followed regarding changing to 1 day, Saturday only. Aimee reported several booths had to shut down early due to shortage of prizes.

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**Faith Formation –** Fr. Bill was pleased with how the Babette’s Feast sessions were received. Mike Raymer sent report via email prior to meeting: Advent Program featuring Dan Shutte, at St. Peter the Apostle. Friday, December 8 - Concert; Saturday, December 9 - Retreat. Tickets $15 per day or $25 for combined both days. Dan Shutte’s costs are $4500 plus travel and accommodations. Archdiocese Office of Worship paying $500.

Fr. Bill advised planning Lenten sessions on the Passion Narrative of the book, *The Story*.

**NDA** – Dee Dee Nauert reported staff is trying to keep students focused until Christmas break.

**Youth Ministry** – Mike Raymer sent report via email, prior to meeting. Highlights include: Starting December 1, 7/8 graders meet on Mondays; 6th graders on Fridays. Currently there are 13 signed up for each group. Rachel Sparks, Andrea Mulhall, and Kelli Minton are serving on the leadership team and met in November to plan. Five students went to Holy Fire on October 21, with 2 adult chaperones. One high school student attended NCYC November 16-18.

Upcoming events: December 10 to Southeast Christian for Chris Tomlin Concert. January lock-in. Appalachian Mission Trip April 3-6, 2024. Guatemala trip June 28-July 7, 2024. Can take up to 20 high school age. Planning several fundraisers: Sock & sticker / Discount cards / Christmas Ornaments / Shop at Just Creations Dec 11-16 / Pancake breakfasts starting in January.

**WORSHIP** – Fr. Bill reported Karen has prepared for Advent and Immaculate Conception.

**New Business**

Fr. Bill reported on Mary Doris McCubbins preparing cards to send out for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Discussion on the signage issues for Parish.

Denise Ruffra reported on CLOUT – some issues being addressed are gun violence, JCPS low reading test scores, senior’s displacement.

Penance Service is planned for Sunday, December 3, at St. Thomas More, at 3:00 PM.

Fr. Bill asked Council for input regarding Mass times for Christmas Eve. As of now, 4th Sunday of Advent, December 24, obligation will be covered by Saturday evening, 5:00 PM and 8:00 am Mass Sunday morning. Church will be decorated after 8:00 am Mass. Discussed best time(s) for Christmas Eve Masses. Christmas Day Mass will be at 9:00 AM. Fr. Bill will poll the congregation this weekend for decision on time for Christmas Eve Masses.

Motion to adjourn made by Kenny Nauert, with second by Sarah Burke. Deacon David closed the meeting with prayer.

**PARISH COUNCIL WILL GATHER ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, AT 6:00 PM TO CELEBRATE & SOCIALIZE. Please plan to bring hors d’oeuvres/appetizer or dessert to share. Spouses are invited, as well as the outgoing council members.**

Respectively submitted,

Dee Gossman