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

 **MAY 28, 2024 (APPROVED JUNE 18, 2024)**

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE MEMBERS

Rev. Dustin Hungerford-Administrator ProTempore

Pastor – Rev. Bill Burks (excused) George Morse (excused)

Director Youth Ministry Josh Riley (excused)

 & Faith Formation – Mike Raymer (excused) Sarah Burke (excused)

 Angela Taylor (excused)

Chairperson – Matt Rasche Danielle Wiegandt

Vice Chair – Aimee Burton Amy Wilson (excused)

 Abby Nauert

Finance Council – Emily Rickert Beth Rich

Worship – Karen Kuenzig

Planning & Maintenance – Matt Rasche Alternates:

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

Formation – Vicki Neuner (excused) Justin Endler (excused)

Personnel Committee – Gena Rasche

NDA – Dee Dee Nauert

Booster Club – Joe Rickert

Fr. Dustin opened the meeting with a prayer. April meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Aimee Burton, second by Beth Rich.

Fr. Dustin gave brief information regarding his background, growing up in this area. He attended Desales HS, and taught at Holy Cross. He said he has felt very welcomed by the parish.

**BUDGET** – Joyce Nelson is working with Donna Humphrey on preliminary budget. We’ve been advised of a 20% increase on Catholic Mutual Insurance. Noted that NDA pays 1/2 of the insurance premium. Budget will be conservative – will be cutting some programs. Need to look closer at collections. Donna and Susan Goebel recently attended a class regarding the new Archdiocese system, as we still have issues with the system to be able to see actual numbers.

Discussion followed regarding NDA issues, including rent amount, and increased costs of everything. Discussed the covenant and by-laws regarding parish responsibilities on NDA expenses.

Dee Dee Nauert reported that CEC will have two 4-year-old classes and one 3-year-old class. Discussion followed regarding personnel shifts between CEC and NDA. NDA is short 1 middle school teacher. Further discussion regarding sustaining the number of teachers and assistants at CEC.

**PICNIC –** Discussion regarding no signs are available to advertise this year, as signs from last year were not returned. All parishes are struggling to get workers for picnics.

**PARISH CONCERNS** – Karen Kuenzig reported she has received much positive feedback on Fr. Dustin’s homilies.

**REVIEW CONSTITUTION** – Need volunteers to review.

**NEW MEMBERS** – Need 2 new members on Council. Linda and Justin will move to At Large Member, so need 2 alternates. Current members need to contact parishioners they discussed at last meeting.

**NDA** – Matt reported he met with Ashley Titus regarding NDA wants to build an additional building on campus. Advised they need bigger classrooms and dedicated space for Resource teachers. Proposed new building would be for Junior High classes. Pictures of addition proposal, from architect, were passed around. Discussion followed regarding justification for expenditure. Need to clarify relationship between St. Lawrence Parish and NDA, and who has authority to make decisions. Suggestion made to form committee with 2 Mary Queen of Peace parish council members, 2 St. Lawrence parish council members, 2 pastors, and NDA leadership team for discussion and brainstorm session. Discussed again the Covenant between 2 pastors and NDA – need further clarification. Council agreed we need more Parish stability before such a project should be considered.

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**FACEBOOK PAGE** – Matt asked for ideas on how to use Facebook – he has received some complaints on posts. Question asked who has access to post – reported that Karen Kuenzig, Matt Rasche, Mike Raymer, and Fr. Bill have access to post. After discussion, Fr. Dustin advised any posts of Parish announcements should be cleared with him before posting.

**DIVINE RENOVATION –** Council discussed Session Two question: Does your parish “go out to the world”, or does it “take care of its own” in terms of the mandate of Christ? Council should read Chapter 3 for discussion in June.

Following is summary of reports were sent to Council members via email before the meeting:

**YOUTH MINISTRY – Mike Raymer:** Guatemala Mission Trip scheduled for June 28-July 7, with 12 representing St. Lawrence, including 2 from Presentation HS and 1 from Holy Cross HS. Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast and Flower sale went well. Had a welcome evening for 5th graders with activities, bible study, and snacks in the youth space. Planning student ministers/youth group trip to Holiday World for July 11. Also planning summer outings to Putt Putt Golf and Dave & Busters. Summer service opportunities around church and community such as VBS and Picnic.

**FAITH FORMATION – Mike Raymer:** Children’s church will be paused during summer. St. L will be joining Incarnation for Vacation Bible School June 17-21. Michelle Hauprich leads Wednesday evening bible study for adults. Faith Formation Committee meets on 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. May 20 meeting discussed some opportunities for parish, including Women of the Bible Part II in July. In August, plan to show episodes of *The* *Chosen* series as a family event. Planning a Committee retreat on Saturday, September 14. Looking at possibility of a retreat/concert lead by Sarah Hart in October. For Lent 2025, looking at Fr. Jim Sichko’s presentation, *60 Minutes with Jesus.*

**WORSHIP/MUSIC – Karen Kuenzig -** A+E church décor at Pentecost was fire. Fr. Dustin Hungerford has graciously donated beautiful material from which to make altar cloths and other table coverings. Looking into a headset mic to collect celebrant’s voice. Rehearsals for music for Deacon Kenny’s Thanksgiving Mass on June 2. Have a great need for youth to step up to serve as lectors/Eucharistic Ministers, etc.

**GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE** – **Matt Rasche** - NDA is considering hiring a Maintenance Manager that will be responsible for higher level maintenance items/repairs in their building. Would like the parish to cover a portion of the salary, so their responsibility would include the full campus. The front doors of the Parish Hall were recently replaced by Booster Club, since old doors were beyond repair and no longer secured the building. Klein Brothers was contractor for doors. Working with Archdiocese to review replacing remaining doors in the building. Also getting quotes for replacement/repair of gutters. The gutter/soffit replacement on NDA school building will being soon. Mulhall & Sons is contractor awarded this work. The fence along Fr. Meder Road was knocked down in storm in April, due to combination of weak fence posts and NDA banner stretched out on it. Fence has been completely repaired and reinforced by Parishioner Allen McDonald, saving Parish $3,500.00!

The upstairs AC unit (10 ton) on 2nd floor of NDA is broken. Currently reviewing repair and replacement costs that range from $5,000 to $40,000 for repair/full replacement. St. Lawrence Parish will be responsible for the cost.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JUNE 18 AT 6:30 PM. (NOTE change to 3rd Tuesday, instead of 4th Tuesday, due to vacations.)**

Respectively submitted,

Dee Gossman