**ST. LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL**

**JANUARY 28, 2025 (APPROVED FEBRUARY 25, 2025)**

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE MEMBERS

Pastor – Rev. Steven Reeves Sarah Burke

Justin Endler (excused)

Chairperson – Matt Rasche Linda Morris (excused)

Vice Chair – Aimee Burton Abby Nauert

Beth Rich

Finance Council – Emily Rickert (excused) Angela Taylor (excused)

Worship – Karen Kuenzig Danielle Wiegandt

Planning & Maintenance – Matt Rasche Amy Wilson

Stewardship – Deacon David Maxwell

Formation – Vicki Neuner (excused) Alternates: TBA

Personnel Committee – Gena Rasche

NDA – Dee Dee Nauert (excused)

Booster Club – Joe Rickert

Fr. Steven opened the meeting with a prayer. Matt welcomed everyone and asked for approval of November minutes. November meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Beth Rich, second by Sarah Burke.

Fr. Steven recognized presence of NDA principal, Ashley Titus and CEC Director, Suzanne Stewart, to discuss proposal of transfer of CEC from Parish responsibility to NDA. Handout given to Council shows the background/history of CEC, and proposal. Ashley advised system used presently is Sycamore, but Archdiocese is changing everyone to FACTS system. FACTS will be implemented by August 2025. If CEC remains separate, NDA and CEC would have separate management systems, which makes it more difficult for families with children in both. Discussion followed regarding financial aspects and reporting of CEC assets to Archdiocese. Discussed also the need for Parish Council to have a full report regarding finances/budget for CEC. Suzanne advised the CEC income is tuition based. Fr. Steven said seems like this proposal makes good sense on financial, logistical, practical, and marketing view. Fr. advised same proposal was made to Finance Council last week. Fr. advised the Finance Council asked if CEC would be hurt if the proposal isn’t approved. Suzanne thinks CEC would be hurt. Discussion followed regarding Covid grant money received, that was used for payroll. Discussion regarding lack of financial details last few years, due to staff changes and change in bookkeeping system. If no financial impact for Parish, then proposal could be approved. Decision needs to be made soon, so data can be moved to FACTS. If agreed, transfer would take effect July 1, 2025. PC will discuss and make motion next month with a Finance Committee representative at the meeting.

**Pastor’s Report:**  Fr. Steven received an email in December regarding Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral pilot program call Room in the Inn-Louisville. Beginning January/February, will open space to unhoused women and minor children. Asking for volunteers who would welcome guests, making and serving dinner and breakfast. Email showed intake as 6 pm to departure at 6:30 am next morning. UP for Women and Children will provide guidance and logistical support for this pilot program. After discussion, all thought participation would be good – Deacon David offered to get more details and report further. Father will ask for interested parishioners to contact Deacon David.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BOOSTERS** – JoeRickert advised doors replaced in Parish Hall. More doors to be replaced, with FOBS. Monte Carlo is coming up – need tickets sold. Fish Frys coming up during Lent.

**Worship/Music** – Following is summary of report Karen Kuenzig sent via email prior to meeting: Recently attended an Archdiocesan meeting on new parameters regarding OCIA (formerly RCIA). Waiting on a quote on a tower computer needed in loft for the livestream. Equipment originally purchased was used, and does not allow for cameras to be connected independently. A&E is updating a few things to make better use of the space. Will have different liturgical decorations in front of church. Will celebrate Candlemas (Presentation of the Lord) on Sunday, Feb 2. Collaborating with Dee Dee Nauert on Reconciliation and Confirmation Sacraments.

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**GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE –** Matt sent report prior to meeting and discussed during meeting:

**Rockford Lane Property** – Matt reported we got 3 quotes, and Finance Council approved to proceed with Quantum to demo the house for $20,420. Demo will include the house, take up fence, take up driveway, backfill basement. Some questions regarding rezoning the property. Also need to check with Archdiocese to see if they need any input. Currently have a temporary fence around the playground, due to someone running into it in December. Will need to install a barrier to protect the playground, after demo is completed. Discussion followed regarding adding signage on the corner of Rockford Lane and Fr. Meder Road. Need to remove the sign on the open lot further down Rockford Lane.

**NDA HVAC** – Matt reported boiler is over 60 years. Need to take care of this issue by end of summer. Estimate $250K to $500K to upgrade. Zone line units on wall or mini-splits vs central HVAC system. Can pay an Engineering company ~$9K to help design, and show payback of different options. NDA would be responsible for majority of costs. Discussion followed regarding issues with Covenant, maintenance issues, escrow/emergency funds.

Meeting was adjourned with motion from Beth Rich, second by Gena Rasche, and concluded with prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Dee Gossman