**ST. LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL**

 **JULY 22, 2025 ( APPROVED AUGUST 26, 2025)**

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE MEMBERS

Pastor – Rev. Steven Reeves Sarah Burke

 Justin Endler

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 (excused)

Formation – Vicki Neuner (excused) Alternates: TBA

Personnel Committee – Gena Rasche

NDA – Dee Dee Nauert

Booster Club – Joe Rickert

Fr. Steven opened the meeting with a prayer. Matt asked for approval of May 27 meeting minutes; minutes were approved with motion by Gena Rasche, second by Aimee Burton.

**Pastor’s Report:**

* Fr. Steven welcomed Deacon Ted Marks to Parish as Business Manager/Director of Parish Operations. Deacon Ted noted he has been at St. Lawrence 4 weeks today and is enjoying getting to know people and working to finish budget with Fr. Steven. Fr. Steven noted the budget for fiscal year starting July 1 is being completed.
* St. Lawrence Feast Day-August 10. Will celebrate at/after 10:30 AM Mass. Discussion followed regarding how to celebrate, with suggestion to have a Parish Pot Luck lunch with meat provided by Parish. Joe Rickert will ask Booster Club to grill meat. Matt will prepare a sign-up sheet posted on Facebook, and paper sign up at weekend Masses, so will know number of people to count on, and what they will provide. Suggested 3 categories: Vegetable-Fruit/Salad/Dessert. Plates/condiments, etc. provided by Boosters. Discussed further regarding set-up and clean-up. Suggestion made to ask Boy Scout troop to do this. Matt will ask Joe Underwood. Noted could possibly set-up gym Saturday, August 9, after Eagle Scout celebration.
* Stewardship Renewal – Will emphasize need for Stewardship in homily, weekend of August 23-24. Will inform parishioners regarding opportunities available and result in cleaning up the list. Have noticed impact resulting in showing tithing totals in bulletin. Beth Rich suggested to show description of 1 or 2 Ministries per week in bulletin.
* Fr. Steven advised he met recently with Youth Ministry group leaders regarding planning for upcoming school year. Father reported multiple activities/service projects the youth group participated in this last year, led by volunteer Moms. Wanting to start a high school Youth Group.
* Daily Mass Times – Fr. Steven gave a handout showing weekday Mass times for neighboring Parishes, as well as other Jefferson County Parishes, and proposal for changing weekday Mass times at St. Lawrence. Proposed earlier time for Tuesday & Friday morning, evening time on Wednesday, with NDA Thursday morning Mass staying at 8:15 am. Noted NDA students can be dropped off at 7:15 am, & need to be in classroom by 7:50 am. Discussion followed, with possible changes to be implemented after Labor Day.

**Chairperson’s Report:**

* General Parishioner Concerns: Beth Rich spoke up to say what a great job Bruce Mingus and Tracy McCoy are doing for Parish. Everyone agreed they have earned recognition.
* Parish Council Roster: Linda Morris has resigned. Need further updates, with terms staggered. Gena offered to fill Linda’s spot on PC.
* NDA Renovation for Highly Structured Classroom - Fr. Steven reported the renovation was approved by Archbishop today. Renovation was paid for by Shirley’s Way. There are 4 children using this space for upcoming school year; maximum is 6 children.

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**Chairperson’s Report (continued):**

* Planning Survey – Prior to meeting, Matt sent Parish Council results of survey prior to meeting, including results for Parish Strengths / Parish Challenges / NDA Strengths / NDA Challenges. Discussion followed regarding getting the survey to Parishioners. Suggestions included sending info with QR code, paper survey for non-technical Parishioners, listening session. Fr. Steven will announce the survey at Mass soon.
* Matt advised the parking lot needs resealing and restriping. Have received 3 quotes; 2 @ $29K and 1 @ $40K (with 4th quote outstanding). Need approval; hope to complete before school start. Noted Fr. Meder Road is in rough shape.
* Fence around playground – A permanent fence to be installed parallel to Rockford Lane & guardrail by playground. Discussion followed regarding concrete barriers vs guardrail. Matt will get more information on that. Space can be used for school and practices.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PICNIC** – Net profit of ~$17,000 reported.

**GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE –** Matt advised will re-engage an advisory committee for projects. Deacon Ted advised he and Bruce Mingus will do a walk-thru and start a list for needed maintenance. Discussion followed regarding needs & preventative maintenance. Prior to meeting, Matt sent report via email saying the Rockford Lane house demolition was completed, and the lot was leveled and seeded. A permanent fence will be4 installed, with a guardrail with dates TBD. Will also begin work on developing quotes for a sign at Rockford Lane and Fr. Meder Road.

**BOOSTERS** – Joe Rickert advised the “littles” sports have started. The gym floor was waxed; yearly maintenance schedule. New doors are working great. Have several new members.

**WORSHIP/MUSIC** – Karen Kuenzig reported that Amy Wilson will assume duties of Lector Captain as of August 1, with resignation of Mary Jansen.

**Gathering Space Committee:** Beth Rich reported the committee met and decided to remove the wood chairs, keep benches and nice tables. Will inventory what is not wanted & “re-home” those. Suggestion made to give directions regarding where to find rest rooms and cry room, for visitors. Possibly will add tall tables or small tables, welcome mat at entrance. Karen discussed storage in Community Room for Seniors and Bereavement.

**NDA -**  Dee Dee Nauert advised 1st day of school is August 12. Teachers’ Retreat is August 4. Archdiocese Opening Event is August 5. “Meet the Teacher” is August 6. Implementing FACTS to cover all aspects. First NDA school Mass is Thursday, August 15. Color Run is August 22. Have filled all positions except 5th grade. Currently interviewing candidates.

Religious Ed – sign-ups in August. Classes start September 7.

Signups for OCIA for students 2nd weekend in August. Confirmation is scheduled for March 7 @ MQP.

Aimee advised the Boosters have revamped concession stand duty; holding parents accountable for service, with strict rules. Discussion followed regarding the new system.

**Adult OCIA –** Fr. Steven will coordinate with Deacon David’s assistance, & start end of August or beginning of September.

**CLOUT** – Beth advised there will be Fall listening session in September.

Meeting was adjourned with motion by Karen Kuenzig, second by Danielle Wiegandt. Meeting was concluded with The Lord’s Prayer.

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 26, AT 6:30 PM.**

Respectively submitted,

Dee Gossman