**ST. LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL**

 **MARCH 25, 2025 (approved may 27, 2025)**

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE MEMBERS

Pastor – Rev. Steven Reeves Sarah Burke (excused)

 Justin Endler (excused)

Chairperson – Matt Rasche (excused) Linda Morris (excused)

Vice Chair – Aimee Burton Abby Nauert

 Beth Rich

Finance Council – Emily Rickert (excused) Angela Taylor

Worship – Karen Kuenzig (excused) Danielle Wiegandt (excused)

Planning & Maintenance – Matt Rasche Amy Wilson

Stewardship – Deacon David Maxwell

Formation – Vicki Neuner (excused) Alternates: TBA

Personnel Committee – Gena Rasche

NDA – Dee Dee Nauert

Booster Club – Joe Rickert (excused)

Fr. Steven opened the meeting with a prayer, The Angelus, to remember Feast of The Annunciation today. Aimee Burton chaired the meeting, due to Matt’s absence, and asked for approval of February minutes. February meeting minutes were approved with a motion by David Maxwell, second by Amy Wilson.

**Pastor’s Report:**

* Fr. Steven reported the approval of CEC Preschool change, to be part of NDA, is officially happening. Suzanne Stewart working with Ashley Titus to make this happen. Will share this news to the parish. Noted the Parish budget will be different next fiscal year, with this change.
* Finance Council was not able to meet this month, due to scheduling conflicts. Discovered there is a problem with the “Square” account, that is not being shown accurately. This is being worked on by Donna Humphrey, Susan Goebel, and Joyce Nelson.
* Advertising to hire a full time Business Manager. Received 2 applications the last few days. Interviews will be set up for after Spring Break. Hope to hire by Summer.
* Getting ready for Holy Week. OCIA is preparing 4 adults, 1 teen, and 3 NDA students for Easter Vigil. Fr. is very grateful to Deacon Dave and Dee Dee Nauert for their assistance. Third and 2nd grades received Sacrament of Reconciliation; 2nd grade will receive 1st Communion on April 27 at MQP.
* Demolition of Rockford Lane house is scheduled for 1st week of April. Very grateful to generous parishioner for donation to cover this project.
* Talking to Bruce Mingus, Maintenance Supervisor, regarding projects needed on Parish campus.

**Parish Concerns:** Aimee Burton reported she received complaints that sometimes its hard to hear when Fr. and Deacon are speaking at Mass, using the microphones. Discussion followed regarding this issue with mics/speakers.

**Old Business:** Property next to Parish Hall, in back of a Rockford Lane house – received verbal quote to purchase. Need more research/feedback on purchasing this property.

Per Matt’s request, Council discussed and proposed committee chairs for following projects:

Parish Council Constitution Review – Matt Rasche-chair, with Danielle, Dee Dee, Beth, Dee

Gathering Space Group – Beth Rich-chair, with Karen, Angela, Linda – + suggest input from Parishioners

Divine Renovation Committee – Danielle Wiegandt-chair, with Vicki, Beth, Matt

\*\* These committees should meet separately from Parish Council meetings.

Need to verify Parish Council members, and fill open positions, for upcoming year.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BOOSTERS** – Aimee reported the Fish Frys are going well & new line set-up is working well. Discussion followed regarding the new set-up, with positive comments. Spring sports have started, with soccer, baseball, softball.

**PICNIC** – Dee Dee reported the committee will meet tomorrow. Picnic scheduled for June 13-14, with bands both nights. Chicken dinner Saturday, food booths Friday, with regular booths both days. Randy England sent email communication to booth captains. Discussed need to order more prizes, due to running out last year. Discussed running out of pull tabs last year as well. Will have a plant booth this year. Need to advertise.

**Religious Education** – Dee Dee Nauert reported there are 16 students attending. 2 will receive 1st Communion. Have 2 kindergarteners, 6-7 in 3rd to 5th grade, 2 in 6-7th grade, 1 received Confirmation.

**NDA** – Dee Dee Nauert reported had 4th grade Poetry night. Dance Showcase on Wednesday. 2nd grade Reconciliation and catch up with some. 1st Communion April 27. Fr. Steven and Dee Dee planning to have a May Procession May 15 at NDA Mass. The 8th grade will have reenactment of Stations of the Cross the Wednesday of Holy Week, afternoon of April 16 – time TBA.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** – Fr. Steven reported he and 3 students going to Appalachia during Spring Break week. Planned with Hand in Hand Ministry.

**FAITH FORMATION** – Deacon Dave reported the Chosen Series is complete and well attended. On Saturday, March 29, will have Lenten Reflection with Fr. Vincent from Mount St. Francis. Fr. Steven advised he plans to start a series on Vatican II, end of May, between Sunday Masses.

**CLOUT –** Action Meeting on April 7 at Memorial Auditorium, 6:30 PM, with Mayor, Metro Council, JCPS Superintendent. By invitation only – anyone interested should contact Beth, Denise Ruffra, or Deacon Dave for invitation. Major project this year is Youth Mental Health. Hope to have high school students to observe the meeting.

**WORSHIP/MUSIC** – Karen Kuenzig sent report prior to meeting – highlights include: The new computer has been installed, with cost covered by an extremely generous parishioner. Still have issues with Live Stream. Issue with piano pedal will be fixed soon. Preparing for Holy Week. Hope to invite NDA 8th grade to witness burning of old palm to used for ashes for Ash Wednesday next year. Quire attending Sarah Hart’s Lenten Retreat/Concert March 25. Hope for Quire to visit local Holy Doors during Jubilee Year.

**GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE –** Matt Rasche sent report prior to meeting: Grass cutting schedule starts week of March 31. Early April is estimated date of demo of rental property on Rockford Lane. Once demo is complete, will schedule installation of new fence/guardrail. Fence along Fr. Meder Road will be replaced with black vinyl wrapped fence, like the newer fences on campus. The speed bump was replaced.

Meeting was adjourned and concluded with The Glory Be prayer.

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25, AT 6:30 PM. (NOTE: April meeting was cancelled.)**

Respectively submitted,

Dee Gossman