**ST. LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE MEMBERS

Pastor – Rev. Steven Reeves Sarah Burke (excused)

Justin Endler

Chairperson – Matt Rasche Abby Nauert

Vice Chair – Aimee Burton Gena Rasche (excused)

Beth Rich

Finance Council – Emily Rickert Angela Taylor (excused)

Worship – Karen Kuenzig (excused) Danielle Wiegandt

Planning & Maintenance – Matt Rasche Amy Wilson

Stewardship – Deacon David Maxwell

Formation – Vicki Neuner

NDA – Dee Dee Nauert

Booster Club – Joe Rickert

The following meeting notes from Aimee Burton, due to Dee Gossman’s absence: Review and approval of August minutes-approved (1st-Vicki, 2nd-Deacon Dave)

Father updates:

-New daily mass times started in September, going well at noon on Tuesday and Friday, about 10 participants, up to 15 participants

-wants to put updated times in the NDA blast

-OCIA (formerly RCIA), beginning process of a few people coming into the church, lots of kids between 2-8th grade getting baptized, 37 religious ed kids currently (40 with siblings)

-asked how we feel stewardship push is going, council members feel it is going well

-11/2 is All Souls Day will be celebrated at weekend masses (11/1 not a holy day of obligation), wants to maybe have a mass Friday night on Halloween with a possible trunk or treat to follow, council recommended not having an event after mass since people have their own traditions with their kids

-Thanksgiving, Father will be here and plans to have a mass that morning, planning for 9:00am

-met with Karen about expectations for slides and song selection, moving forward-only text, not pictures, same goes for school masses

Parishioner concerns: none

Committee Reports:

-Budget has been finalized

-Grounds and maintenance-getting parking lot resealed and restriped, Matt wants input on what needs stripes, DeeDee wants lane markers for car rider lanes, direction arrows will be added back in, speed bumps repainted, Commonwealth Paving doing the work, need speed bumpy church extended

-Boosters-golf scramble this coming Sunday, still looking for sponsors, had two more trees taken down inside fence line, sports are going well

-Faith Formation-excited about Eucharistic Miracles of the world, going to be set up December 13th and 14th, planning on doing advent wreath making event again maybe 11/19, retreat scheduled for 10/17, need ideas for Lent

-NDA-school is going well, principal is at ACE principal academy event, trunk or treat at MQOP, MAP testing is complete, Main Event is 11/8

-Worship-see Karen’s report, Matt wants to keep scheduler tool, need to look at other options because the system is expensive, DeeDee reports that religious ed kids will be signing up to do gifts at mass

-CLOUT-majority people in listening session reported biggest concern is gun control, homelessness, lack of resources in southend, next session second week of october and will combine concerns across listening sessions and determine priorities, still doing elderly assistance in home and mental health and transparency in policing

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Old Business and random discussions:

-talked about constitution, committee still working on it and will bring decisions to council soon

-gathering space renovation on hold due to realization of snowball effect or needed repairs and financial concerns

-Father reports that we are on track with tithing and budget

-need to remove bench outside Karen’s office, may create security problems

-discussed locking doors during mass, they are locked during school mass, maybe use ushers as security help

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Motion to adjourn (1st-joe rickert, 2nd-deedee nauert)

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 28, AT 6:30 PM.**