

St. Leonard Parish Council Meeting

May 4, 2021

6:00 pm

Present: Katherine Garbarino; Ashley Logsdon (Pastoral Associate); Fr. Lou Meiman (Pastor); Lauren Riley (Chair); Joey Skidmore; David Underwood; Jason Volz; John Wilcox

Absent: Chrissy Gandolfo

Guests: Teresa Riggs (Finance Committee); Gabriel (Teresa's grandson)

Opening Prayer

Fr. Lou opened the meeting with a prayer

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the April 6 meeting had been sent out. Teresa noted that a list of possible candidates for Parish Council gave the ages of the people named and she recommended these ages be removed for privacy reasons. Lauren moved that the minutes so amended be approved, Jason seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Financial Update

Teresa gave a detailed review of the budget for 2020-2021 and a proposed budget for 2021-2022. The budget for 2020-2021 is showing a surplus due to some unexpected gifts and a one-time grant from the Archdiocese. There were also reduced expenses due to the closing of the school. The budget does not include a capital fund to cover maintenance, and until now we have been lucky that there have been no major needs. The Council discussed whether the surplus should be used to build a capital fund for possible future maintenance, or if it should be used instead to pay off a debt to the Archdiocese. Teresa reported that the recommendation of the Finance Committee is that it be used to pay off the debt. Lauren moved to approve the budget with the surplus used for the debt, David seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Parish Update

Fr. Lou updated the Council on the process for replacing the members of the Parish Council whose terms are expiring – Chrissy, David and Jason. Later this month Fr. Lou will bring to a parish meeting the names of people who have agreed to be candidates, and three new members will be selected by a draw from a “hat.”

The new members will be invited to attend the June Parish Council meeting. In order to create continuity between the old Council and the new Council, the June meeting will include the three Council members whose terms are expiring along with the three new members.

Old Business

Ashley gave a report on the updating of the website. The work with Talgrace consultants for re-designing the website is complete. The website will include announcements and a calendar for upcoming events such as the May 23 outdoor Mass with St. Frances of Rome on St. Leonard's

soccer field at 11:00 am, followed by an Easter Egg hunt. The website will also feature interviews with parishioners, including one with David Dutschke on CLOUT and Social Justice.

Talgrace will facilitate the transfer of all social media accounts that were associated with the School to the Parish.

New Business

There is a call going out for volunteers for the Parish “picnic” and the all-school reunion the weekend of September 10 and 11. Fr. Lou pointed out that the Archdiocese has recently sent out guidelines to parishes for scaled-down picnic-type summer events. These guidelines are informed by CDC guidelines for social distancing. Current plans for the weekend include outdoor beer trucks, food trucks, some children’s games, and limited dancing.

Fr. Lou also informed the Council that the Archdiocese recently sent out revised guidelines for liturgy, including new directives about singing. A full announcement of these new directives will be given soon.

Next meeting date

June 1

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

Minutes submitted by John Wilcox