

## Parish Council October Meeting

**Date:** 10/05/21

**Time:** 6-7 p.m.

**Location:** Parish Office

**Attendees:** Scott Colosi, John Wilcox, Julia Bauscher, Mike Gandolfo (via phone), Joey Skidmore (via phone), Lauren Riley (Scribe), Teresa Riggs (Guest), Will Coburn and Sharon Coonan (Guest)

**Not Present:** Katie Garbarino

### **Agenda:**

1. **Prayer – Lou**
2. **Homecoming Finances update and any monthly/quarterly update – Teresa**
3. **Approve September Parish Council Minutes – Council**
4. **Parish Priorities - Lou and Council**
5. **Council turnover and next steps – Council**
6. **Update from Sharon and Fr**

**Prayer** – Lou said the prayer and announced that Worship has developed a standard prayer that can be said at the start and end of meetings such as this one.

### **Homecoming Finances update and any monthly/quarterly update – Teresa**

#### *Homecoming:*

We will net \$9,000 from the Homecoming event, our goal was just to break even initially. The feedback that she has received has been overwhelmingly positive. We thanked Immaculata already and Lauren noted that she emailed the principal to thank him and his volunteers on behalf of Council. While the normal two day Picnic brings in around \$30,000-\$35,000, this was a scaled down event given the active delta variant of COVID-19. Beverage sales were still pending at the time of this update. We are looking at a credit for the beer and the thought was posed about selling our own wine in the future to make more money. The feedback from Carol Sexton about the food trucks was that they were ready and willing to participate in the next event with St Leonard.

#### *Quarterly:*

We are down on the Sunday collections based on projections but are up on the “loose” money collected. The rental income is around \$12,000 per the use of our facility from Holy Trinity. The rental income is going into Capital as is the \$9,000 from the Homecoming. We were able to sell the school copier and will be favorable on payroll and shared expenses. We have waxed the school floor (not in budget) and the

parking lot resealing will cost around \$13,000. We need to paint the side doors of the church and look for a security system to ensure better monitoring of the space.

### **Approve September Parish Council Minutes – Council**

Lauren asked for a motion to approve, the motion was given and seconded. The September minutes are approved.

Mike asked about STL doing fish fries given the positive response from the Homecoming. Teresa thought that the principal would be open to helping us staff that. Lauren asked Mike if he was willing to lead that effort and he agreed. Lauren will share the contact information for the Immaculata Principal after the meeting.

### **Parish Priorities - Lou and Council**

Lou said that STL/SFR is still looking for a Formation/Evangelization position. Applicants for the position are few and far between. Sharon mentioned that there are 21 students between STL and SFR that are interested in family faith formation (Catechesis) and those sessions will be led by the parents of those students.

Fr Lou was going through the calendar for Advent and Christmas and was wondering where the priorities for the church lie given that it has been four years since the last discernment process. Fr. Lou would like to complete another discernment to hear from the parishioners about what is most important to them. Fr Lou proposed completing a new discernment effort in the spring of 2022 (March-April) and Council agreed with this as a next step.

Lauren noted that Mike was involved with the last effort and asked for him to share his context on how that process went. He said that the process was good but said that we're a completely different than the last time we completed discernment. Fr Lou thought that one key building block in his mind was all about Solidifying membership and building community after COVID-19.

Will brought up a book he thought could be helpful as we prepare for discernment called Traction. Mike was familiar with the book and the two agreed to work up a summary that they could bring back to Council in the November meeting on 11/02.

### **Council turnover and next steps – Council**

Lauren recounted that there are four people rolling off as of 11/02/21, those include Joey, John, Katie and Lauren. Lauren asked Fr Lou if he has heard anything from Emily Hennessey but he had not reached out as of the meeting. She asked that he please follow up as she could be a potential replacement.

Lauren will reach out to Allison Goushee to see if she is interested in joining council.

Will said that he will reach out to Emily Wilson to see if she might be interested in joining as well.

### **Update from Sharon and Fr**

Sharon noted that the Saint-acular event for the 10/30-10/31 weekend was all set. They are asking parishioners to dress as their favorite saint or bring an object that would represent their favorite saint. The Leonard ladies will distribute pretzels, prayer cards and cider after mass that weekend.

Fr Lou noted that we finalized the logistics for the directory. We will take pictures around 05/11-05/14.

### Action Items:

1. **Mike** to reach out to Immaculata principal to vet his interest in helping with Fish Fries during Lent in 2022.
2. **Will and Mike** will give a summary of "Traction".
3. **Fr Lou** will share a template for Discernment that we could use as we won't have the Archdiocese facilitator available. Note: Julia might be able to assist Council in the facilitation as she was familiar with that role from her work.
4. **Fr. Lou** will call Emily Hennessey to get a sense of her interest in joining Council and invite her to attend the 11/02 meeting and join Council.
5. **Will** will reach out to Emily Wilson to get a sense of her interest in joining Council and invite her to attend the 11/02 meeting and join Council.
6. **Lauren** will reach out to Allison Goushee to get a sense of her interest in joining Council and invite her to attend the 11/02 meeting and join Council.
7. **Lauren** will share draft minutes for approval in the 11/02 meeting.