

## **ST. LEONARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** 12/7/2021

**Location:** Parish Office

**Called to Order:** 6:01 PM

**Attendees:** Scott Colosi (via phone), John Wilcox, Julia Bauscher, Mike Gandolfo, Lauren Riley, Fr. Lou, Will Coburn, Allison Gousha, Ray Triplett

### **Agenda:**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of November minutes
3. Discernment process/strategic planning - PC
4. Synodal process – PC
5. Parish budget process
6. Other updates – Fr. Lou
7. Next Meeting: 1/11/2021

The Parish Council said the opening prayer created and provided by the Worship Committee.

### **Discernment Process and Strategic Planning/Synodal Process – Fr. Lou and Council**

St. Leonard last conducted Strategic Planning four years ago. The ideal cycle for conducting this process is every four years. We will begin the process again in late winter. Parish Council members will be the core team. Some steps that need to be taken:

1. Develop a timeline. Material creation will begin in January and the process will be tentatively launched 2/5.
2. Conduct parish listening session. Proposed dates for the session are 2/26 (last Saturday before Lent or the beginning of March). The session will be facilitated by Parish Council members and will be held at 10:00 at St. Leonard. An online opportunity to participate should be available. The listening session would also be part of the parish synodal process. Synod discussion areas include communication, participation and mission. Parishioners will be asked to consider questions in these areas.
3. We will use the Archdiocesan Parish Discernment Process Parish Toolkit (copy provided electronically to the PC) to guide and conduct this process.

### **Parish Budget Process – Fr. Lou**

The parish will also be going through the annual budget process this winter/spring. This process will include reviewing the physical needs in the parish. The parish has received two significant bequests. Teresa Riggs will provide a budget update at the next meeting.

### **Fr. Lou's update:**

Fr. Lou advised the PC:

- Interviews for the formation position will be occurring

- The new parish council chair is Julia Bauscher
- PC member terms are currently 2 years; the council should consider 3-year terms possibly
- We are considering utilizing a service that could help us track who is reading the weekly parish newsletter
- We are beginning to look at stewardship for the coming year

#### **Update from Sharon Coonan**

Maryhurst was very excited about our response to the giving tree. There were about 50 people at the spaghetti dinner on December 4<sup>th</sup>. There was a good turnout for the Advent Reconciliation service. The Leonard Ladies have seen good participation in the Imagine discuss series. We are considering ways to highlight the various things that go on in our parish, for example the work of the bereavement committee. Finally, after initially only ordering the little blue Advent books for SFR some copies were made available at St. Leonard after several requests.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Julia Bauscher.