

St. Leonard Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/21/2022

Location: Parish Office

Called to Order: 6:07 PM

Attendees: Julia Bauscher, Allison Gousha, Ray Triplett, Emily Wilson, Fr. Lou

Absent: Mike Gandolfo, Scott Colosi, Will Coburn

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of March minutes
3. Synodal Listening session follow-up/summary - Fr. Lou/Council
4. PCAL meeting summary – Mike Gandolfo
5. STL Charitable Donations - Ray Triplett/Council
6. Parish Outreach Activities update (Game night info; Food Truck evening and Fall Festival event)
7. CLOUT Annual Nehemiah Council meeting - Julia Bauscher
8. Parish Council members and terms
9. Other updates/business - Fr. Lou/Council
10. Closing Prayer

The Council said the opening prayer created by the Worship Committee.

The March Parish Council minutes were approved.

Synodal Listening Session Report

The council reviewed the Synodal Listening Session Feedback and Convener Feedback to Archdiocese. The council recommended that STL conduct an additional listening session. The council discussed how get people who didn't attend to attend. An additional session on May 15th after the 10:00 Mass was suggested. (Based on a conflict a session cannot be conducted that day. Tentatively, the second listening session will be held May 22nd after the 10:00 Mass. Council members were asked to reviewing the remaining areas suggested for consideration and suggest one for discussion. Ray and Allison volunteered to do invitation at 10:00 and 4:00 Mass, respectively.

Parish Council Minutes

The council decided that going forward it is best for the council to approve the minutes electronically so they can be provided to Steve King for publication. (Due to the short time between this meeting and the next and the time it took to get some confirmation about a second listening session these minutes are a little late.)

Meet and Greet Parish Council Members

This activity was suggested for future consideration so that parishioners can meet and get to know who serves on the council. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

STL Donation to a Local Charitable Organization

Ray Triplett conducted follow up with many of the organizations originally suggested to receive a charitable donation from the parish in addition to new organizations. Ray provided information about specific projects or activities underway at several organizations, including the following.

- Nazareth Home Clifton – Currently looking to fund a renovation project to upgrade the common living areas at the home. This would involve wallpaper removal and painting.
- St. Joseph’s Children’s Home – The home has a child care subsidy program available for foster and adoptive families and also staff for their on-site program.
- St. Vincent DePaul Campus – The campus currently has a number of housing units for victims of domestic abuse. They are looking for sponsors for these units. Sponsorship would involve funding to make the rooms feel more welcoming and secure.

Ray also added Home of the Innocents and Dress for Success as possible future recipients. The PC recommended that parish admin and staff decide when and how much to give to each specific project. It was suggested that three donations be made quarterly to different recipients and projects.

Activities/Outreach

Allison reported the tentative date for a Food Truck event is June 10th. Homecoming/Fall Festival will be held on September 9th. At Homecoming a cake booth, cards/poker tournament, split the pot, silent auction and kid’s activities were suggested as possible activities.

Nehemiah Council

Julia and Ray attended the Nehemiah Action Assembly, “Victory Over Violence: CLOUT’s Strategies to Bring Shalom to Our City”. The council supports “Removing Barriers to Aging in Place” – a better system of informing and connecting our older adults to services and social opportunities that enable them to thrive and remain independent. They also support reducing crime and violence and asked local officials to commit to this effort. The council heard from prospective mayoral candidates and discussed community safety and equity.

Council Members and Terms

The council must decide on council terms and how the current council, who all began service at essentially the same time will rotate off of the council.

Fr. Lou gave a report on Holy Week and how well attended the events were.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Bauscher