

St. Leonard Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/7/2022

Location: Parish Office

Called to Order: 6:02 PM

Attendees: Julia Bauscher, Scott Colosi, Will Coburn, Allison Goushay, Ray Triplett,, Teresa Riggs, Sharon Coonan, Sharon Bidwell

Absent: Mike Gandolfo, Scott Colosi, Emily Wilson, Fr. Lou

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Presentation and approval of budget - Teresa Riggs
3. Charitable donation update - Teresa Riggs
4. Listening Sessions follow-up
 - a. Formation - Sharon Bidwell
 - b. Synod Session - Julia
5. Food Truck report and upcoming events - Allison Gousha
6. Parish Council retreat
7. July Parish Council meeting
8. Other business
9. Closing prayer and adjournment

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

The May Parish Council minutes were approved.

Formation Update – Sharon Bidwell

Sharon provided the council an update on her formation vision. She is planning more adult faith formation and a more routine scheduling pattern. Her plan focuses on a Faith Formation Statement of Purpose and Vision, outline program offerings for various audiences, e.g. children's liturgy, sacrament preparation, etc. She is also recruiting catechists.

Other Council updates – Sharon Coonan and Sharon Bidwell

Sharon advised the council that the first synod session was intended to gather feedback to the magisterium to be forwarded to the Vatican. The formation listening session (which Sharon B. referenced in her formation update) was the first local listening session. She also added that both councils were consider PC leadership turnover. That consideration in concert with the goal to make PC members synod leaders in the parish evolved into the idea to host a joint SFR/STL parish council retreat. Sharon C. will contact all members to ask about availability for a retreat during August or September. She acknowledged that the timeline may stretch into October based on ability to schedule a facilitator.

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

Teresa Riggs reported that the approved donations to local charitable organizations had been sent.

Activities/Outreach – Allison Goushay

Allison reminded the council that the next Food Truck event will be by Friday, July 8th. Steve King has suggested we consider hosting food truck events after 4 PM mass. The PC discussed the intent of these events and concluded that if the intent is to engage the community Friday is the best option; if the event is targeted to the parish then perhaps Saturday. The PC wondered if there is enough outreach to the community. It was suggested that we do some targeted social media posts.

Allison also reported the results of the food truck event after the Pentecost mass. The Argentinian FT sold out and there was a long line for the BBQ truck.

2022-2023 Parish Budget – Teresa Riggs

Teresa provided a 2021-22 budget update and reported that the parish should be \$360,000 ahead and also reminded the council that is due in large part to a \$250,000 bequest. There were also several vacancies during the current fiscal year. Collections for the current fiscal year are up \$35,000. The parish has lost a major contributor recently could affect going forward.

Teresa reviewed the 2022-23 budget previously approved by the finance committee and Fr. Lou. The budget includes a 4% increase in collections (loose change collection is up, possibly due to Fr. Knott's following). Teresa said the parish may want to consider a donation to the Catholic Education Foundation in light of the fact we no longer have a school. Will recommended possible support for University of Notre Dame graduate students teaching in the Archdiocese. The PC approved the 2022-23 budget. Teresa will provide another budget update at the August meeting.

Other business/discussion

Ray suggested the council meet between meetings for coffee. Julia agreed to send a doodle poll for availability

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Bauscher