

St. Leonard Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/5/2022

Location: Parish Office

Called to Order: 6:05 PM

Attendees: Julia Bauscher, Scott Colosi, Mike Gandolfo, Allison Gousha, Ray Triplett, Sharon Bidwell, Fr. Lou

Absent: Will Coburn

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Formation Update – Sharon Bidwell
3. Activities/Outreach Update - Allison Gousha
4. Archdiocesan Synod report/process – Fr. Lou
5. Joint Parish Council retreat
6. August Parish Council meeting
7. Other business
8. Closing prayer and adjournment

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

The June Parish Council minutes were approved.

Formation Update – Sharon Bidwell

Lots of formation programs are being developed. The formation team has been an excellent sounding board. Members will serve for one year. The team is half STL parishioners and half SFR parishioners. They have prioritized program offerings that will be offered within a year. It includes a robust plan for adult formation. Sharon is working on job descriptions and an “elevator pitch” for volunteer catechists. She is also developing a Formation Calendar. Sharon will take personal responsibility for confirmation preparation citing the importance of keeping middle school students involved in the Church. Sharon confirmed the book club is more a social opportunity.

Activities/Outreach

The next food truck Friday will be 7/8 and will feature Souper Spuds and Phillip’s Ice Cream. There will also be a food truck event on 8/5 featuring Lindsey’s Kitchen and Pocket Bakery. Hospitality role for PC members at parish events was recommended. It was also suggested that parish information be available for event attendees. September 10 is the annual STL Homecoming.

It was recommended that name badges be created for PC members to wear at Mass and parish events. 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.

Other business/discussion

Fr. Lou provided a summary of the Archdiocesan Synodal process as the “Synthesis Report” was just released. 78 parishes and 12 schools participated plus various agencies and religious organizations. There were 105

online responses and overall 2,300 people took part. The full report is available on the Archdiocese website. Inclusion was a huge issue especially among younger participants. Welcoming, engagement and polarization were other recurring themes.

STL parish council members will participate in a joint PC retreat with SFR on 8/20 at the Earth and Spirit Center at St. Agnes or Epiphany. A book by Jack Jezreel the originator of the Just Faith Program will be provided in addition to the Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis. The first part of the meeting will occur jointly and the latter will be each PC meeting alone.

The Presbyteral Assembly Fr. Lou attended recently went well.

The council discussed potential new members in light of Emily Wilson needing to step down to care for her son and family. Other members suggested included Katie McCollum, Emily Hennessey and Gary Gruneisen.

The next meeting will be 8/2.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Bauscher