

St. Leonard Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/6/2022

Location: Parish Office

Called to Order: 6:00 PM

Attendees: Julia Bauscher, Mike Gandolfo, Allison Gousha, Katie McCullum, Ray Triplett, Teresa Riggs, Fr. Lou

Absent: Will Coburn, Scott Colosi

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Introductions
3. Finance Update – Teresa Riggs
4. Parish Council Retreat Discussion
5. Homecoming Update – Allison Gousha
6. Upcoming Events
7. Other business
8. Closing prayer and adjournment

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

The July Parish Council minutes were approved.

Introductions

Katie McCullum attended the meeting as a potential new member. Everyone introduced themselves.

Finance Update/Capital Projects – Teresa Riggs

Teresa provided updated financial reports to the council. St. Leonard's financial position is currently very strong due to a large bequest. The parish has significant savings at the Archdiocese. Some highlights from Teresa's report include:

- New LED fixtures have been installed in the gym; LED lights will be installed in the church; they will not be installed in the chandeliers
- The parking lot has been resealed
- New toilets have been installed in the church and gym
- The exterior and interior side doors of the church as well as the overhang on the front of the church were scraped and repainted in August. The cafeteria side doors were painted as well.
- Currently in process of upgrading the parish server
- Need to get bid approved to replace the cafeteria ceiling and lights
- Plans to fix the sidewalk to the parish center
- Waiting for one more bid on a new security system (will include outside cameras)
- Teresa suggested a donation to the CEF to support catholic education around the Archdiocese.
- We will begin renegotiating Immaculata's lease beginning in January (originally a three-year lease)
- Half of homecoming proceeds will go to the capital projects fund; the other half will go to Life House

Parish Council Retreat Discussion

There was a very positive response to the joint PC retreat. The parish council recommends an annual retreat. All members were charged to finish reading The Joy of the Gospel and A New Way to Be Church before the next meeting. The council acknowledged with need to establish a strong direction in the next 3-4 years.

Homecoming/Event Update

Ms. Trompeter, former St. Leonard coach, will be honored between 5 and 6 PM. There will be a welcome table, silent auction, gift card, capital prize and cake booth, children's game and live music. STL will split the gift card booth proceeds with SFR. Tentatively the next food truck date will be October 14th.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM after a closing prayer

The next meeting will be 9/6.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Bauscher