

St. Leonard Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/3/2023

Location: Parish Office

Called to Order: 6:03 PM

Attendees: Julia Bauscher, Will Coburn, Allison Gousha, Gary Gruneisen, Katie McCullum, Ray Triplett, Steve King

Absent: Mike Gandolfo

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Secretary role
3. St. Leonard Mission statement/Strategic Plan
4. Worship listening session questions
5. Lent/Easter/Pentecost planning – PC input
 - a. Stations?
 - b. Penance?
 - c. Book study?
 - d. Adoration?
 - e. Other?
6. Annual vs. ongoing Stewardship commitments
7. Project Management Process -updates/events
8. Other business – perspective new members
9. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

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

The previous Parish Council minutes were approved.

Secretary

Katie McCullum agreed to become the secretary beginning with the February meeting. Steve asked that minutes be turned around, preferably, within 48 hours. Julia Bauscher will continue as Chair of the council.

Parish Mission Statement/Strategic Plan

The documents created after the last discernment process in 2018-19 were shared with the council. Based on the conversation that occurred among the STL parish council members that attended the joint SFR/STL retreat and the two books shared with the council at that time (The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis and A New Way to be Church by Jack Jezreel the council agreed to study the conversation notes, view the presentation given by Jack Jezreel at the joint retreat and consider a new plan. Steve King will share the You Tube link for the presentation, the discussion notes, and order books for those that do not have them. The council members will review the video, notes and books prior to the next meeting in preparation for an in depth discussion about direction and strategy.

Worship listening session

The council reviewed the proposed listening session questions feedback provided by council members and agreed to pass our recommendations along to the worship committee for consideration. Council members will participate in the listening session by facilitating table discussions. Steve suggested the listening session may take place in early April as the first step in a larger process that occurs throughout the Easter season. Members also reiterated the importance of having activities for our youngest members so that parents can participate.

Lent/Easter/Pentecost Planning

The council considered activities traditionally offered during Lent, Easter and Pentecost. Steve shared the fact that recently there has been very poor participation in some events like the stations of the cross. The council suggested doing the stations once at one or the other parish. The council also suggested rotating stations and penance between parishes annually. Providing frequent reminders through the weekly newsletter, in Mass announcements and on social media are important. The council also wondered if there was a way to question members about their interests in these events

Stewardship

The council was asked to consider the upcoming annual stewardship drive. Should stewardship be emphasized throughout the year as opposed to once annually. The council suggested that parishioners should be reminded frequently and asked about follow-up with folks regarding their stewardship intentions. Steve assured the council that the parish office keeps track of interests and follows up with folks as opportunities are available. We also suggested that we need to reach out to folks regularly and invite them to volunteer at, or attend events.

The council suggested that it might be worthwhile to have our outreach ministries highlighted at Mass by having the leader, or someone involved in the ministry speak during announcements at weekend Masses.

Project Management Guide

A project has been created using the new guide. The project is a spaghetti dinner. The council will consider all of the activities suggested by Teresa Riggs, Fran Mastopaulo, Lauren Riley and others at the next council meeting.

Admin Update

Steve shared that the new cafeteria lights are wonderful! I can attest to that as I saw them after the meeting! The cafeteria floors will be stripped later this week and the cafeteria will be a recreated space for parish meetings and events. New carpet tiles will be installed in the parish office. LED lights have been installed in one church chandelier and Fr. Lou has agreed to complete this project based on the results.

Other Business

Steve King will be following up with several folks recommended by Will Coburn for parish council. Steve is also working on getting PC member pics up on website. Some members need to submit a photo!

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:09 PM

The next meeting will be 2/7/2023 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Bauscher