

## **St. Leonard Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** June 14, 2023

**Location:** Parish Gymnasium

**Called to Order:** 6:04 PM

**Attendees:** Julia Bauscher, Allison Gousha, Gary Gruneisen, Katie McCullum, Ray Triplett (via cell phone), Mike Gandolfo, Will Coburn (via cell phone), Father Lou, Sharon Coonan, Ex Officio (arrived at 6:05pm, Jay Branham (arrived at 6:35pm)

**Absent:**

**Guest:** Teresa Riggs

**Agenda:**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Getting to know one another...
3. Administration report - 2023-24 Budget Approval
4. Archdiocesan Parish Council Guidelines – reviewed by members before meeting; questions only
5. Parish Mission Statement Process – next steps – review Mission Statement proposals and date provided
6. Other business
  - a. Prayers of the Faithful and Mass announcements by PC members (MSP) – “Donut Sunday” – members will receive an invitation to sign up for MSP in July.
  - b. Formation and Worship Updates (these should be reviewed prior to meeting)
  - c. Joint Parish Council meeting (with SFR) in September 16<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> (availability)
  - d. No July meeting; next meeting Tuesday, August 1st
7. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

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

### **Getting to Know One Another**

In a continued effort to get to know one another the Council shared their favorite places to travel and their summer plans.

### **Administration Report – 2023-2024 Budget Approval**

Teresa Riggs walked the Council through the 2022-2023 Current Estimate in addition to the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget in detail, focusing on the differences between the two fiscal years with a breakdown of the methods used to project future budgets as well as tracking funds. Lower collections and higher costs are the main causes for the anticipated budget deficit for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Teresa presented possible options for growing the top-line moving forward which led to in-depth discussion on engaging current parish members, attracting new members and re-visiting current

services/contracts with vendors. A sub-committee was formed (Ray Triplett, Mike Gandolfo, Will Coburn & Teresa Riggs) to develop and recommend a plan of action to improve the budget deficit that is to be communicated to Parish Council. Approval of the 2023-2024 budget tabled until the next meeting in August.

### **Archdiocesan Parish Council Guidelines**

Council members received and reviewed the Parish Council Guidelines prior to the meeting. No questions presented.

### **Parish Mission Statement Process – Next Steps**

Mission Statement Sub-Committee formed (Julia Bauscher, Jay Branham & Fr. Lou) to prepare proposals for Council to consider for vote.

### **Other Business**

- **Prayers of the Faithful & Mass Announcements by PC Members**  
Katie McCullum volunteered for July
- **Formation & Worship Committee Updates**  
Council members received updates prior to meeting for review. No questions presented.
- **Joint Parish Council Meeting (with SFR) September 16<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Final date to be determined.
- **Upcoming Events**  
Food Truck Invasion 7.16.23 11am-5pm. Expecting twenty trucks.  
Homecoming 9.9.23. Council agreed to donate basket to silent auction. Father Lou suggested having hospitality volunteers circulating through crowd welcoming all and engaging visitors as well as parish members. Demographic study information discussed to make sure the parish is taking into consideration the surrounding community, mostly made up of the elderly and singles, to make sure we offer options that appeal to them and make them feel welcome.
- **No July meeting – next meeting Tuesday, August 1, 2023**  
Julia informed the Council that this meeting will likely run longer than one hour due to lengthy agenda.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:34PM

The next meeting will be August 1, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie McCullum