

St. Leonard Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 7, 2023

Location: Parish Office

Called to Order: 6:07 PM

Attendees:, Julia Bauscher (Chair), Jay Branham (Vice Chair), Katie McCullum (Secretary) (via cell phone), Allison Gousha, Ray Triplett, Mike Gandolfo and Sharon Coonan (Ex Officio).

Absent: Will Coburn, Gary Gruneisen, Father Lou

Guest: Father Johnson

Agenda:

1. Synod Prayer
2. Silent Prayer – what has called out most to you in our retreat and last PC meeting regarding mission?
3. Share thoughts
4. Mission Statement Draft
5. Other Business (please review reports before meeting and forward any questions; the council will take action on approving the Maryhurst project for future planning purposes)
 - a. Maryhurst Christmas Project - Action
 - b. Worship Committee Final Narrative Summary
 - c. Quarterly Finance Report
 - d. Formation
 - e. Administration
6. Synod Prayer and Adjournment

The Council said the Synodal Prayer and Father Johnson led additional prayers. Father then introduced himself to Council and shared that he is here to support the parish while Father Lou is away. Father left the meeting at 6:16pm.

Silent Prayer – What has called out most to you in our retreat and last PC meeting regarding mission? Share thoughts and Mission Statement drafting:

The Council began by revisiting the group discussion notes from the last meeting and what stood out when thinking of forming the new Mission Statement. There was a focus on welcoming and living the two greatest commandments. Love who Jesus loves as Jesus loves was brought up by Father Lou at the last meeting, and the Council all agreed it was all encompassing of what had been discussed. Encourage, call,

challenge, invite, welcome and other terms discussed as to how to best reach all with the statement. Deep conversation and debate ensued as to how to best craft the statement to maintain our Catholic identity yet be approachable and speak to as many people as possible, and lead to goals for the parish to bring to life/enact. A draft statement was constructed by the Council, voted on and approved. Questions such as how will the statement align with our other committees? How did Jesus love people? The Council was asked to come with a set of objectives (3) for the next meeting with the idea of one year implementation to do them really well, then look further into the future. Katie to start email conversation about objectives to bring to the table next meeting.

Other Business

Maryhurst Christmas Project – Action

Katie McCullum completed the Project Management Guide for the annual Maryhurst Christmas Outreach. Council approved for 2023.

Worship Committee Final Narrative Summary

No updates.

Quarterly Finance Report

More communication on dire financial situation with congregation suggested.

Formation

No updates.

Administration

Sharon Bidwell provided a brief recap of Father Lou's leave of absence and how Father Johnson is here to serve the parish and be a very active and engaged part of our community while he is with us. Business continues as usual while Father Lou is away including the search for a new Music Director.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:41 PM

The next meeting will be December 5, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie McCullum, Secretary