

St. Leonard Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 3, 2023

Location: Parish Office

Called to Order: 6:00 PM

Attendees: Julia Bauscher (Chair), Katie McCullum (Secretary), Allison Gousha, Gary Gruneisen, Ray Triplett, Fr. Lou, Sharon Coonan (Ex Officio) and Will Coburn

Absent: Mike Gandolfo; Jay Branham

Guest: Steve King

Agenda:

1. Synodal Prayer
2. Getting to know one another...favorite subject in school
3. Summary discussion: Joint Parish Council Retreat
4. Worship Committee Listening Session Summary
5. Mission Statement
6. Parish committee reports
7. Annual Joint Parish Council Retreat proposed second Saturday in September
8. Synod Prayer and Adjournment

The Council said the Synodal Prayer.

Getting to know one another... favorite subject in school

In a continued effort to get to know one another the Council shared their favorite subject in school.

Summary Discussion: Joint Parish Council Retreat

The Council reviewed and reflected on the Joint Parish Council Retreat takeaways. Father Lou and Julia guided discussion focused on applying what was learned for the next step of solidifying the parish mission. Diversity and inclusivity were re-occurring topics the Council explored, as was breaking the perception of the Catholic Church being exclusive rather than inclusive in a changing world. Discussion then turned to the strengths of the parish and embracing the positives of being a smaller parish. Sharing our gifts and helping others recognize their own gifts was a focus as was building trust to help everyone that wants to worship with us feel safe and secure to be themselves. Sharing our weaknesses and vulnerabilities allows the Holy Spirit to work within all of us. Father then asked the Council to spend a few minutes in silent prayer to reflect on

everything discussed.

Worship Committee Listening Session Summary

The Worship Committee Listening Session Summary will be circulated to the parishes as soon as both Councils complete their reviews. All feedback is due by the 13th of October to Sharon Coonan.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement will be the focus of next month's meeting.

Parish Committee Reports

No substantial updates to report.

Annual Joint Parish Council Retreat Proposed 2nd Saturday in September

Correction - the annual joint council retreat will occur on the 3rd Saturday in September moving forward.

Other Business

The 2023 Homecoming report will be published in next week's parish newsletter.

Teresa Riggs will present the Quarterly Finance Report at next month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:10PM

The next meeting will be November 7, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie McCullum, Secretary