

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

**Date:** January 10, 2024

**Location:** Parish Office

**Called to Order:** 6:02pm

**Attendees:**, Julia Bauscher (Chair), Jay Branham (Vice Chair), Will Coburn (arrived at 6:18pm), Gary Gruneisen, Katie McCullum (Secretary), Ray Triplett, Fr. Johnson and Sharon Coonan (Ex Officio).

**Absent:** Mike Gandolfo & Allison Gousha

**Guest:** None

## **Agenda:**

1. Synod Prayer
2. Sharing the new Mission Statement – committee assignments
3. Three goals/objectives to bring mission statement alive in our parish
4. Communication discussion
5. Project Management Guide - discussion
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Finance update
  - b. Other committee reports
7. Synod Prayer and Adjournment

The Council said the Synodal Prayer.

## **Sharing the new Mission Statement – Committee Assignments**

Council members were asked to volunteer to communicate the new mission statement to the parish committees. Worship Committee: Ray Triplett; Parish Life Committee: Julia Bauscher; Finance & Administration: Will Coburn; and Formation: Mike Gandolfo. The goal is to share the mission statement with the committees in order to begin to pull together a strategic plan. How will their work support the mission, or how it might have to change to support the mission. Julia requested all committees be notified before our next meeting. Ray raised questions about communication to committees regarding specific goals surrounding the mission statement to give them guidance such as increased engagement, fellowship for the community, recruiting new members, evangelization and offering opportunities to get involved. Committees will be asked to prayerfully consider the mission statement and review what they currently do to see if there is alignment. Is what they are currently doing reflecting the identity of St. Leonard in addition to meeting the needs of the surrounding community (value and impact). With these reflections consider fresh eyes/different lens and sense of perspective. It was suggested that communication to the Arts and Environment Committee for parish include recommendations for exterior décor/lighting in addition to advancing the mission statement. In summation - how can we improve what we are already doing?

## **Three Goals/Objectives to Bring Mission Statement Alive in our Parish**

Tabled for further discussion after sharing mission statement with parish committees.

### **Communication Discussion**

Council reviewed the Communication Flowchart SFR Council had previously approved. Julia made motion for our council to adopt as well and it was approved with Ray noting he does not approve of current parish council placement in chart.

### **Project Management Guide Discussion**

Simplifying the Project Management Guide was discussed. Sharon suggested that a sub-committee be formed to work on this project. Ray and Julia volunteered to be on the committee. Several council members suggested re-explaining the why behind the process and forms to parishioners when revamping.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **a. Finance Update**

Minutes were circulated to the council for review before the meeting. Consistency of messaging on financial state of parish was discussed. Suggestion to ask Teresa to attend next council meeting for further discussion.

#### **b. Other Committee Reports**

Minutes were circulated to the council for review before the meeting.

### **Other Business**

- UCHM is hosting Valentine's Day Dance here at St. Leonard. Request was made to council to waive the \$250.00 fee to rent the cafeteria. Motion made and council approved to waive fee.
- Key leaders from SFR and St. Leonard are meeting to discuss parish roles and organization for the future, and the parish council will be updated throughout the process.
- Father shared his Clean Water Project with council and requested approval to seek donations from the parish during Lent. Unanimously approved by council.
- Council celebrated Father's birthday by singing and presenting a cake to him.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:30PM.

The next meeting will be February 6, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie McCullum, Secretary