

St. Leonard Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 5, 2024

Location: Parish Office

Called to Order: 6:02PM.

Attendees:, Julia Bauscher (Chair), Jay Branham (Vice Chair), Will Coburn (arrived at 6:10pm), Gary Gruneisen, Katie McCullum (Secretary), Mike Gandolfo and Fr. Johnson.

Absent: Allison Gousha; Sharon Coonan (Ex Officio)

Guest: Mary Masick

Agenda:

1. Synod Prayer
2. Organization change wrap-up – no changes until a permanent pastor is in place
3. Project Management Guide – final form
4. Upcoming Events
 - a. St. Leonard/Clifton Community Council Flea Market – April 20th, Parking lot
 - b. Homecoming 2024 – September 7, 2024
 - c. Other
5. Meeting attendance to share mission statement
6. New member packet review suggested by Parish Life Committee
7. Parish Council Members 2024-25
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Administration Committee
 - b. Formation Ministries
 - c. Parish Life
 - d. Worship Committee
 - e. Outreach Ministries
 - f. Pastoral Care
 - g. Administration
9. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The Council said the Synodal Prayer.

Organization Change Wrap-Up – No Changes Until a Permanent Pastor is in Place

Julia welcomed Mary Masick, Chair of St. Francis of Rome's Parish Council to the meeting and explained to Council that the St. Francis of Rome (SFR) & St. Leonard (SL) Parish Council Chairs will be attending each other's meetings moving forward in an effort to strengthen communication and partnership between the two Councils. Julia and Father then explained that no organization changes will be enacted until a permanent priest is assigned to our parishes later this Spring. Mary stated the immediate challenge with this decision is that SFR is relying on volunteers to answer phones and neither parish has a music director at this time.

Project Management Guide – Final Form

The final, condensed form was shared with the Council.

Upcoming Events

- a. St. Leonard/Clifton Community Council Flea Market (4.20.24, parking lot):** Julia shared Katie Garbarino has stepped down as chair of the Parish Life Committee effective immediately. Discussion ensued about managing the upcoming Clifton Community/St. Leonard Yard Sale that she was going to lead (she is no longer available to do so). Julia is working on getting volunteers etc. to continue efforts for the event to take place.
- b. Homecoming 2024 (9.7.24):** Council will check with Allison Gousha to confirm if she plans to chair the 2024 Homecoming. Council then discussed various ideas for this year's event to include 1) having committees for integral parts of event such as volunteer coordinating, set-up/clean-up, vendor relations, entertainment etc. so all doesn't fall on one person as is a huge undertaking 2) possibly going back to calling the event a "picnic" so surrounding communities are aware it is open to all. Crowd might be larger advertising for "picnic" rather than "homecoming." and 3) officially including SFR in the picnic (for example: SFR & SL 2024 Picnic) which further promotes inclusivity of our parishes/surrounding communities and will gather larger crowds in addition to more resources – volunteers etc.
- c. Other:** N/A

Meeting Attendance to Share Mission Statement

Mission statement has been shared with all committees. Mike suggested taking it a step further with a gathering or cookout of some sort to have continued conversations with Parish Council, SL Committee Members, key volunteers and parish staff.

New Member Packet Review Suggested by Parish Life Committee

The Parish Life Committee suggested revamping our Welcome Packet. Jay suggested adding a QR Code for those that prefer to enter their information directly into our

system in addition to the paper option. This would create less administrative work as well.

Parish Council Members 2024-2025

With Ray Triplett's resignation from Council we need to recruit a new member. Julia requested Council members to reach out to parishioners that might be interested and invite them to a meeting. Length of service on Council was also discussed as with new priest coming soon might make sense for current members to stay on longer than originally committed to ensure a smooth transition and set new priest and future Council members up for success.

Committee Reports

- a. Administration Committee – circulated to Council for review prior to meeting.
- b. Formation Ministries – circulated to Council for review prior to meeting.
- c. Parish Life – N/A
- d. Worship Committee – N/A
- e. Outreach Ministries – circulated to Council for review prior to meeting.
- f. Pastoral Care – circulated to Council for review prior to meeting.

Other Business

Father suggested some sort of appreciation for Father Lou for his service to our parishes such as asking him to attend Pentecost Service since he was passionate about it. Father suggested inviting SFR as well to all celebrate together.

Father thanked us for welcoming him to our communities as he will not be here for our next meeting due to re-assignment.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 6:55PM.

The next meeting will be April 2, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie McCullum, Secretary