

# St. Leonard Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 27, 2024

**Location:** Parish Office

**Called to Order:** 6:03PM.

**Attendees:** Jay Branham (Vice Chair), Will Coburn, Gary Gruneisen, Katie McCullum (Secretary), Mike Gandolfo, Allison Gousha (via cell phone) and Fr. Chandler.

**Absent:** Julia Bauscher (Chair)

**Guest:** Teresa Riggs

## Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Financial Report
  - a. FY25 Budget Approval
3. Updates from Fr. Chandler
4. Upcoming Events
  - a. Homecoming 2024 – September 7, 2024
5. Committee Reports – currently none available
6. Other Business
  - a. Next PC Meeting
7. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Father Chandler said the opening prayer.

## Financial Report

Father's comments – budget looks good. Bottom line is good. He is watching our collections closely in the hopes it will increase. Teresa Riggs went over the year end 6-30-24 report. Revenue exceeded expenses by approximately \$80,000. There were fewer employees versus the budget so salaries and benefits costs were lower. Other expenses were also lower than expected. This was partly due to additional cost reimbursements from Immaculata due to the updated lease terms. The proposed 2024-2025 budget is balanced and is relatively conservative relative to income. Additional repairs and maintenance costs have been budgeted. Teresa is confident we will need the additional budgeted maintenance funds to cover deferred maintenance costs. If maintenance costs exceed budget, funds will be withdrawn from our savings account to cover the costs. Teresa commented that Linnette from Holy Spirit is taking

care of the bookkeeping responsibilities and is wonderful to work with. Council approved the 2024-2025 budget.

## **Updates From Father Chandler**

Grounds' Maintenance – school building windows need to be upgraded to complement new landscaping. The roof was repaired again, and we are waiting for rain to see if repairs hold. The church bells are going to be reset. A parishioner called about the side door and handicapped button request. The parishioner is willing to help pay for it. Father will get some bids on prices and let us know. He is also investigating fixing sunken walkway outside of parish office. An upgraded alarm system with more cameras is being priced as well.

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule – Parishioners will have two options. Thanksgiving Eve mass will be held at Holy Spirit at 6pm and St. Leonard will host Thanksgiving Day mass at 9am.

Need to send out reminder to parishioners about Kroger Plus Card Savings option to donate to church.

Music director position filled. Judith and Marquita are currently filling, but they also have a back-up so church is set no matter what. Looking for maintenance person to split duties between Holy Spirit and St. Leonard.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **a. Homecoming 2024 – September 7, 2024**

Raffle ticket sales are going great – selling many more than last year so far. Decent sponsorships. Volunteer crew looks good so should be all set. Free peanuts from TXRH will be available at the beer tent. Mike Gandolfo suggested livestreaming the raffle drawings on church Facebook page for the first time this year. Silent Auction link is up and running and more items being added to entice people to keep coming back to look and bid.

## **Committee Reports**

None at this time.

## **Other Business**

- a. Katie Garbarino submitted a Project Management Proposal for community yard sale to be held at St. Leonard on October 26, 2024. Council approved.
- b. Next PC Meeting -discussion of how often to meet. Every other month was decided. Next meeting will be October 22, 2024 at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 6:43 PM.

The next meeting will be October 22, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie McCullum, Secretary