

St. Leonard Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 17, 2024

Location: Parish Office

Called to Order: 6:07PM.

Attendees: Julia Bauscher (Chair), Jay Branham (Vice Chair), Gary Gruneisen, Mike Gandolfo, Katie McCullum (Secretary), Allison Gousha, Father Chandler and Father Matthew.

Absent: Will Coburn;

Guest: Teresa Riggs

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Financial Report
 - a. Updates – Teresa Riggs
3. Updates from Fr. Chandler
 - a. CSA
 - b. Security
4. Building Parish Membership Archdiocesan Demographic Info.
5. Upcoming Events
6. Other Business
 - a. Next PC Meeting
7. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Father Matthew said the opening prayer.

Financial Report

As of November 30, total revenue is \$19k above budget, mainly due to Boy Scout fundraising of \$10k. Weekly collections have trended lower in the first six months of the fiscal year. Annual donations are higher in the first six months versus budget which is offsetting the weekly collection trend. We budgeted 16 annual donations for the year and have received 11 to date. Last year through December, we had received 5 annual gifts. Perhaps more parishioners are moving to annual donations. If the current trend continues, we could be \$30k below budgeted collections at EOY. The 2025 pledge renewal results will provide more insight into giving patterns and trends. Through November, expenses are \$28k unfavorable versus budget, due to the boiler repairs,

security system/parish window replacement deposits and landscaping costs. Other expenses are running at or below budget.

Updates From Father Chandler

Catholic Services Appeal – Father shared we exceeded our goal.

Security – a letter from Father Chandler will be circulating to parishioners soon regarding security protocols, processes and procedures including school entry & access, as well as security cameras going live on property December 30th, 2024. The Dallas Charter was discussed and explained to Council as it will be mentioned in the letter as it pertains to said processes and procedures. The side parking lot door to church was discussed by Council on possible security features that would meet fire codes yet protect against active aggressors once it is converted to handicap accessible.

Building Parish Membership Archdiocesan Demographic Info.

Father circulated handouts to Council for discussion on information he pulled for St. Leonard population change in the parish's primary census tracts and maps of surrounding parishes with parishioner households within a 2 mile radius of St. Leonard including Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, St. Frances of Rome and St. Joseph. Additionally, St. Leonard sacrament trends, registered households, registered parishioners and annual sacraments were reviewed going back as far as 2008 to date. General discussion ensued and Mike shared real estate trends to add additional color to data provided.

Upcoming Events

February 8, 2025 – Spaghetti Dinner

Other Business

The next Parish Council meeting will be February 11, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:09PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie McCullum, Secretary