



Saint Louis Catholic Church

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

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Vision Statement: Spreading Christ's Love and compassion through our words and actions (LEO) Liturgy-Prayer, Catholic Education, Evangelization, and Community Outreach.

Parish Council Minutes

Members:

Thomas Gies 2016, John Kellerman 2016, Sebastian Moster 2016, John Strange 2016, Ken Bohman 2018, Andy Eckstein 2016, James Dickey 2018, Mayra Adams 2018.

Date: February 16, 2016

President: John Strange-2016

Location: Parish office at 7:00 pm. Library

Vice President Keith Moenter-2018

Secretary: Nelson French-2017

Attendance: Fr. Stan, Nelson French, Pat Meer, Keith Moenter, Sebastian Moster, James Dickey, Mayra Adams, Keith Moenter, & Oliver.

Meeting called to Order by: Vice President Keith Moenter

Opening Prayer: Haitian Prayer, led by Keith, this prayer was given at the Haiti Mission meeting Monday evening.

Introduction of Guests: None

Minutes: Motion to accept

Guest Speaker: None

Pastors Report: Fr. Stan

- **Archdiocese appeal:** We are at 95% of our goal that is set by the Archdiocese, if we exceed our goal the parish will get back 50 % of the monies over 100%.
- **Budgeting Process: State of the Parish finance Report:** The parish has been operating at an income deficit for 5 years, one of Fr. Stan's objectives is to eliminate the deficit. The good news is that the parish has been very thrifty for a long time, the goal is to eliminate this over a period of time (a few years). Fr. will begin educating the parish on our financial matters by having a speaker at the weekend Masses and follow up with a town hall style meeting on the 29th of February. One idea is for the parish to be able to donate through the parish web site using a credit card. There will be a flyer inserted in an upcoming bulletin. Fr. had a sample of the flyer. 75% of the parish revenue goes to the school, Fr. wants to see that at the 40% range.
- **Constitution-By-laws:** Fr. Stan, John Kellerman, and Mark Masavage will have a meeting this coming week to go over the constitution-by-laws to conform to the Canon Law aspect.
- **New Business:** Keith Moenter
- Haiti Ministry, Keith passed handouts for the Haiti Ministry, He asked for a volunteer to work with this group. Mark Masavage and Mayra Adams came forward to be involved.
- Fr. Stan suggested a paint up-fixup day, then end the day with some sort of meal. Pig roast or some other meal idea. The next step will be for Fr. and Keith to meet with Wade on the process.
- For Christmas gifts for Haiti, the committee is still short 150 coloring books, 24 packs of crayons, this will come to around \$350.00 or so. They may use some sort of rice bowl to raise money for the Mission.
- **Election Process:** We are seeking a person to chair the election process, please let us have a volunteer!!

Old Business: Sound System-James Dickey

We are a go for the sound system, the price as close as we can come till after the labor part is finished is \$16,845.00.

A motion was put forth at the January meeting by Mark Masavage to go ahead with the system that the sound committee has put forth by James Dickey, 2nd by Andy Eckstein. Motion passed.

Celebration of Marriage: Sebastian Moster gave a report on the evening, it was a Great success, but the biggest item of the evening was Pope Francis, I saw several couples having their pictures taken with him. There were 2 couples there who had been married for 57 years. There were approx. 155 attended. Fr. Stan led the renewal of wedding vows.

Handicap areas:

The handicap areas are complete, I have already seen parishioners using the area. Great Job to Keith and his committee and to the work that Wade and his team have done. The benches taken out were installed in the vestibule area. Fr. wants to have a kneeler placed on the wall for those that use the benches.

Committee Speaker: March 15 meeting **Finance Committee**, and **Faith Committee** report also.

Motion to adjourn: James Dickey, 2nd Sabastian Moster

Closing Prayer: Fr. Stan

Next Meeting: March 15, 2016

Finance Report: February16/August 16

School Report: January19/June 21

Faith Report: March15/September20

Parish Life: Apri19/October18

Secretary: Nelson French, pruitt1943@gmail.com 2017

Finance Committee: Erik Tuveson

Faith Formation: Leron Giesting

Parish Life: Rheadawn Young

School Commission: Pat Meer attending: Mike Fritsch President

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Parish Council Election, News & update:

PC Constitution:

Article II

Section 1, The St. Louis Parish Council shall consist of 8-12 voting members. (Currently 11)

Section 2, every person who is a Catholic, eighteen years or older and a member of St. Louis Parish is eligible to serve as a member of the Council.

Section 3, The Pastor is **ex-officio, non-voting** member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Section 4, The 4 chairpersons of the Parish Life & Christian Service, School, Faith Formation, and Finance Committee are **ex-officio, voting** members of the parish Pastoral Council.

Section 5, other members of Parish Pastoral Council shall be elected by the parishioners of St. Louis Parish and an additional 2 members appointed by the pastor.

Article III

Section 1, parish pastoral council elections will be held annually in the spring.

Section 2, the term of office of all elected members to the parish pastoral council shall be three years. No member may be elected to more than two consecutive terms.

Article IV

Section 1, Two months prior to council elections, the council president, in consultation with the pastor and the other council members, appoints a nomination committee.

Section 2, the nomination committee will present the names of persons nominated to the parish pastoral council in accord with a process and procedure approved by the council and ratified by the pastor.

Section 3, newly elected council members shall assume their duties at the regular June meeting.