



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:

James Dickey 2018, Mayra Adams 2018, Dave Meyer 2019, Tom Sullivan 2019, Hannah Giesting 2019, Amy Streator 2019.

Date: February 14, 2017

Officers:

President: President Keith Moenter 2018, Vice President Ken Bohman 2018 and Secretary Nelson French-2017

Attendance: Nelson French, Ken Bohman, Keith Moenter, James Dickey, Hannah Giesting, Tom Sullivan, Dave Meyer, Amy Streator, Leron Giesting, Eric Tuveson, Scott Weekley.

Absent: Mayra Adams, Father Stan & Oliver **our meetings have been very well attended, thank you, to our Parish Council Members!**

Nelson will not be at the March Meeting, President Keith will put out the Agenda and also post the minutes. Contact Keith for items to post on the agenda.

Meeting called to Order by: President Keith Moenter

Guests: None

Opening Prayer: **February**, James Dickey

Minutes: Motion to accept, Amy Streator, 2nd Dave Meyer

Guest Speaker: None

Pastors Report: None

President's Report: Keith Moenter

1. Haiti Ministry:

They had a meeting Monday 13th of February. Over all the ministry is healthy. St. Louis, and Holy Family have send a significate amount of money to Gondou. They recently had a wind storm that blew most of the fruit off the trees, and their gardens had not yet matured, so they are using a lot of the money to buy rice and beans. This weekend and next there is a collection of shoes. On March 4 at the K of C there is a chicken dinner for a fund raiser.

Website update: Scott Weekley

The web site looks like it will be ready approx. March 1st. The website has the capability for online donations.

Parish Council Nominations: Keith, Ken, and Nelson will put forth a list of candidates and also have Michelle to put this in the bulletin for volunteers. We have only one member going off the council, Nelson, but we will want 2 new members so we have continuity of members coming on and off.

Environment Committee: Father wants to have a committee to take care of the flowers and so forth. Carolyn Dieckman had agreed to continue taking care of the outside.

Liturgy Committee: We now have a committee, they had the 1st meeting Monday of this week. Father discussed upcoming dates and the responsibilities of each dept. The committee consists of Father Stan, Nelson French, Michelle Wachsmann, Amy Tonges, Mike Fritsch, and Susan.

150th anniversary in 2018: The Parish Life committee has this responsibility for this program.

1st Sunday Rosary and Benediction: James Dickey

James sent out a letter to each committee of the Parish, we are trying to encourage to pray for vocations and our parish. Our number was doubled this past Sunday. James says everything begins with prayer.

Mission Team: Dave Meyer has tickets for the Royal Ball coming up March 5, 2017 to spend time with the Disney prince and princess. A flyer is attached to the minutes.

Tickets \$10.00. Dave also said we still have turtle soup for sale.

Saint Louis Kids are selling pizzas.

Committee Report: Financial Report, Eric Tuveson, Scott Weekley

1. A report was passed out for the 1st half of the year to compare 2015 to 2016. Our half Year runs from July 1 to December 31. Revenues are up but the Christmas collection was not included, so we are positive \$13,000.00. Since Father has started talking about increasing giving, collections are up around 8%. Enrollment is slightly down. Bingo dollars has started to improve. **I will post the report of comparison of 2015 and 2016 with the minutes in the book in back of church and the council has a copy.**

On the 3rd page concerning enrollment, 39 8th graders are leaving, but only 10 are registered for St. Louis preschool. We discussed the reasons. Layoffs, Chinese Program in the public school, birth rate down.

February 28, 2017, State of the parish will be in the school cafeteria after the 6 pm Mass.

Next Meeting: March 14, 2017 (2nd Tuesday)

Committee report for March, Faith Committee

Motion to adjourn: James Dickey, Tom Sullivan

Closing Prayer: Led by James Dickey

Prayers for the March meeting: Pat Meer

Finance Report: February 14/August 8

School Report: January 10/June 13

Faith Report: March 14/September 12

Parish Life: April 11/October 10

Secretary: Nelson French, pruitt1943@gmail.com 2017

Finance Committee: Erik Tuveson

Faith Formation: Leron Giesting

School Commission: Pat Meer attending: Mike Fritsch President

The Parish Council can be contacted by e-mail through the St. Louis web site, click Parish Council, there you will find an e-mail form, we will respond.

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