



## 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:** January 10, 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, Pat Meer, Amy Streator, Leron Giesting, Mayra Adams, Father Stan & Oliver.

**Our meetings have been very well attended, thank you, to our Parish Council Members!**

Meeting called to Order by: President Keith Moenter

Guests: None

Opening Prayer: Led by Tom Sullivan-----Prayers for February meeting Pat Meer

Minutes: Motion to accept, Amy Streator, 2nd Tom Sullivan

Guest Speaker: None

Pastors Report: Father Stan

1. Carolyn Dieckmann has decided to step down from the inside flower and decorating. She will still be doing the outside plants and watering. Thank You Carolyn for your years of service, over 25, the whole parish joins in thanking you for your service and sharing your expertise!! Lent will be the next time the church will be decorated.
2. **Liturgy Committee/Music Ministry:** Since Sunny has retired, Father Stan, Christy, and Scott Weekly have interviewed several candidates, they were asked to play and candidates were all good. There will be a liturgy committee formed to take on Sunny's responsibilities in this area. There were 5 candidates. Father Stan and Deacon Ron will train the servers, Nelson will be in charge of the sacristy, Michelle Wachsman will be scheduling, music ministry will be in charge of directing the music, training, scheduling etc.
3. **Anniversary of the Parish 2018:** Carolyn Dieckmann will chair the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish. A committee will be formed under Carolyn. This should take place in the fall of 2018. A decree has not been found which would show the date the parish was established.
4. **Interim Archbishop:** Monsignor Stump will fill this position until a new Archbishop is elected.
5. **State of the Parish:** This will be an annual item most likely in February.
6. **Archdiocese Appeal:** We are at 92 percent of our dollar amount, but only 32% of parish have pledged.
7. **Blessing of Homes:** People are calling Michelle to set an appointment to have their homes blessed, Father will cut the number off at 30, but wants to work his way through the whole parish. Parishioners can also bless their own homes, there was a paper by the chalk with instructions to bless their homes.
8. **Website update:** Father talked with the IT person, but so far there is no new news.

**President's Report:** Keith Moenter

1. **Parish Life:** We still do not have a Chairperson, the current members are good with working on the committee, but do not care to lead.
2. **Haiti Ministry:** Up on student sponsorships-290 children are currently sponsored for school (Saint Louis parishioners sponsored 23 last year and 47 this year) 410 are enrolled in school and 120 are not sponsored. Fr. Voltaire really does a tremendous job of stretching funds to educate and feed all the children.
3. Soap and shoe drive will be the last weeks of February 18/19 and 25/26 2017

4. Second annual Campaign will hopefully take place in May 2017.
5. Student sponsorship drive will take place in September/October 2017.
6. St. Louis/St. Anthony Haiti Ministry Chicken Dinner Fundraiser at the K of C Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.
7. The January shipment (1178 pounds worth) of shoes, peanut butter, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste arrived at Food for the Poor today via Hill-Rom trucks for shipment to Haiti. It should arrive there in February.
8. Keith read a letter from Fr. Voltaire thanking our Parish's for the generous contributions given, in 2016 we sent \$247,000.00. Over a 12 year period we sent 1,152,000.00, this is since the partnership was established, most of those years were St. Anthony alone.
9. All of the slots are filled in the Adoration Chapel!!

**Committee Speaker:** School Report: Pat Meer

### School Commission Report January 10, 2017

- Strategic Planning - Jenny Geers and Amanda Canessa (Amanda attended PC meeting in August) the plan is in progress and continuing with putting into place additional goals:
  - SLCS sponsored programs shall intentionally create a desire for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church and create a stronger faith through service and evangelization.
  - SLCS will promote and support existing parish activities and encourage family participation.
 Jenny and Amanda are working with Amy Tonges and Carrie Wessler with the school/parish and program audit.
- Marketing - Kevin Chaffee - should have the documents on the plan - slogan An Education for Eternity - The Road to Heaven begins here!
  - Kroger carts have begun with advertising
  - Kevin is working on a letter to send to parishioners outlining the benefits of SLCS Catholic education, hopefully to be out before Catholic Schools Week.
- Finance - David Lohmueller continues to work with the Finance Committee and Scott on the numbers.
- Chad is working on an Enrollment Contract with Scott to be ready by the end of February.
- St. Louis School seems to feature in the Herald Tribune a bit more.

Everyone continues to work hard and genuinely cares about the success of our school and parish!

**Monthly Rosary and Benediction:** James Dickey

James is suggesting that each Committee take a month to sponsor the Rosary and Benediction. James says that everything starts with prayer. Sponsor means that your committee will show up and pray with

the group not lead. Pastoral Council will take the month of February. A motion was made to implement the program by Tom Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Moenter, motion carried.

Next Meeting: February 14, 2017 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)

Motion to adjourn: James Dickey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Sullivan

Closing Prayer: Led by Tom Sullivan

## Prayers for the February meeting: Pat Meer

Finance Report: February14/August 8

School Report: January10/June 13

Faith Report: March14/September12

Parish Life: April11/October10

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Finance Committee: Erik Tuveson

Faith Formation: Leron Giesting

School Commission: Pat Meer attending: Mike Fritsch President

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