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Parish Council Minutes Date: September 16, 2014

President: Mark Masavage
Vice President: Andy Eckstein
Secretary: Nelson French
Parish Life: Rheadawn Young
Faith Formation: Leron Giesting
Finance Committee: Erik Tuveson

Location: Parish Library
Time: 7pm.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Masavage

Opening Prayer: Father Damian

Approval of minutes: Tom Geis, 2nd Nathan Wanstrath

Attendance:

Present: Mark Masavage, Andy Eckstein, Nelson French, Leron Giesting, Thomas Geis, TJ Greene, Jade Ritter, John Strange, Amy Tonges, Nathan Wanstrath, Mike Whitka, Fr. Damian, Rheadawn Young.

Absent: John Kellerman, Sebastian Moster, and Erik Tuveson.

New Business:

Mr. Whitka: Mike met with the Finance Committee prior to this meeting. They spent an hour on the role of development. They will be putting together some more information to get into the bulletin with regard to questions that people are asking. Mike is getting e-mails asking about things that are going on and the system. They are basically taking the Finances apart and putting it back together. It is no easy task because of all the parties involved. They are going through the budget line by line to be sure all the items are correct and that nothing is way out of line. The Committee will be giving out an annual report once the budget is finalized and an annual report of what happened last year. Also where we are the 1st three months of this year and the budget for the rest of the year. One of the ideas

that came from the meeting was to put together a you tube so that we would give all of the facts out, this way everyone would be able to hear it and also have a record of it. From a cash standpoint we are in pretty good shape, but the collections are down for the 1st two months. We need to have a very good turnout for the Festival, this is counted on heavily in the budget. If anyone has any comments or questions for Mike have to e-mail him and he will respond. Mike wants to assure the parish that he wants to transparent.

Pastor's Report:

Father Damian started off with a Blessing for the Parish Council, he also gave a Blessing at the weekend Masses for all of the Ministers of Communion. We Thanked Father for these Blessings! Father has been very busy while he has been here with the daily routine and also looking into past records. We have three Weddings coming up plus reconciliation for the kids. Before we know it will be time for the Christmas Season. He suggested that we put an end of term date behind each council person's name so the new Pastor will have a feel for the member's time frame. Nelson will do this and sent a copy to all members. Father says things are really starting to fall into place. Father is scheduled to be here till January 14, 2015. There is no news of a new Pastor as of this date. After Father leaves he will be going back to Cincinnati where he lives and will continue filling in for pastors on vacation and that sort of role.

Parish Council Festival Booth:

Andy Eckstein reports: he meet with some people of the Festival Committee. The Committee wants to Thank Fr. Damian for announcing that the Festival Committee needed help. We have more pies now than we've ever had. Andy says that the volunteers are lined up and that things are really coming together. The booth is lined up, he has the banner, an informational poster, the workers for the booth are lined up and everyone has their assigned times.

Elections in the spring:

Nathan suggested that we start to put a list together now for the elections. We will need to have a list in the booth for people to sign up for any Committees that they may be interested in.

Biannual Reports:

Old Business:

Discussion of a Vision Statement:

What words come to mind when thinking of a vision?

Community

Vibrant

Optimism

Catholic identity being maintained over time and change

Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him
God's Outreach
Unity
Growth of the faith in the school children
Faith and Community
Spread the gospel and tell the Good news of Jesus Christ
Know Him, Love Him, And Serve Him.

Activity: Saint Vincent DePaul: Fr. Damian explained how this can work within a Parish. Is this something that the Parish Council would be interested? Let me know if you want me to investigate.

Commission Updates:

Staff Report: Introduction of incoming Parish Life President, Rheadawn Young. Linda Siefert was finishing her second term and will be moving out of the parish. Those in attendance elected Rheadawn as Parish Life President. Congratulations Rheadawn!!

The Council wants to Thank Linda for her time and Great effort that she has displayed these two years as President and the years that she has spent serving Saint Louis Parish. THANK YOU Linda! Good Luck and much success. There were many comments on the billboard at this meeting, thank you for taking care of the advertising.

Nathan brought up the young Mother's group that is currently meeting, Rheadawn is going to look into this. Nathan and Leron explained more of how the program works. The group has been going on for many years, some come and go as jobs change and some move. Natalie Wanstrath would be the go to person for more information. This led into a discussion on the comfort level of Parishioners, if they feel welcome. The Greeters was brought up that it was a good idea and we should continue with this program. Nelson explained that the Ministers of Communion take Communion to the elderly at the waters, Hospital, Saint Andrews, and also to shut-ins.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Damian

Upcoming Meetings: October 21, 2014, we will continue to have our Parish Council meetings in the Parish Office Library at 7pm.

**Minutes Recorded By:
Nelson French
Secretary**