



## 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:** January 19, 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, Andy Eckstein, Nelson French, Scott Weekly, Leron Geisting, Pat Meer, Mark Masavage, Keith Moenter, Sebastian Moster, James Dickey, Rheadawn Young, Ken Bohman, Mayra Adams, & Oliver.

**Meeting called to Order** by: Vice President Keith Moenter

**Opening Prayer:** Father Stan Pondo

**Introduction of Guests:** Pat Meer, Scott Weekly

**Minutes:** Motion to accept Rheadawn Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Bohman

**Guest Speaker:** Scott Weekly-Business Manager

Scott was hired October 2015, he has 30 years of accounting experience. His main goal is to be sure that we have an accurate budget, and have a balanced budget. He will be taking over the pay roll, the school secretary has done this in the past. He will be supervising the parish staff, including the maintenance dept. and will be assisting Fr. Stan in the day to day operation of the parish. Another area will be writing grants, approving expenditures. Scott says he is in the process of learning the job and will be working an average of 20 hours per week, he is very happy to be here and is looking forward to working with everyone. Scott's home is in Brookville, Indiana.

Welcome Scott!

**School Commission Report:** Pat Meer

Their main purpose at this time is to get the School Commission back in working order. Mike Fritsch is President, Mark Lindemeyer is the Vice President, and Jenny Geers is the Secretary. Kevin Chaffee is marketing, Jenny Geers is Strategic planning revenue working group, and David Lohmueller is the finance committee, Amanda Canessa with by-laws with Mike Fritsch. Pat, Chad and Fr. Stan are working on an alumni association. There are 7 members, 4 elected, 3 appointed on the school commission. They will meet the first Thursday of the month. Pat Meer will be attending the parish council meetings and representing the School Commission.

Welcome Pat!

**Pastors Report:** Fr. Stan

- **Archdiocese appeal:** We are at 94% 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:** The parish has been operating at a 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, therefore we are not in a crisis at this time, so he has formed a committee to look at and implement whatever changes are necessary to correct the deficit. 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 in the next 3 weeks to a month and follow up with a town hall style meeting.
- **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.
- **Archbishop Meeting:** Fr. met will Archbishop Tobin Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> which is done by each parish priest in the month of their birthday. The meeting went very well, Fr. will continue to go to Indianapolis. The Archbishop is pleased with the way St. Louis is progressing along and what he is hearing is good!!

**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.
- Soup & Bowl: We want to put this on hold since there was just one put on by the Ministerial Association.
- Fr. Stan suggested a paint up-fixup day, then end the day with some sort of meal. Pig roast or some other meal idea.

**Old Business:** Sound System

James Dickey gave a report on the progress of choosing a dealer to overhaul our sound system. Mike Fritsch is contacting ICB to get a final proposal. This is the company the committee chose. More later. This will be paid for by the capital improvement fund.

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

**Handicap areas:**

Fr. Stan has asked Wade to go ahead with the moving of the benches for the handicap areas

**Committee Speaker:** February 16, 2016 Finance Committee

**Motion to adjourn:** James Dickey, 2nd Sebastian Moster

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Stan

**Next Meeting:** February 16, 2016

Finance Report: February 16/August 16

School Report: January 19/June 21

Faith Report: March 15/September 20

Parish Life: April 19/October 18

Secretary: Nelson French, [pruitt1943@gmail.com](mailto: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 I, 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.

