



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

Date: May 19, 2015

Attendance: Fr. Stan, Andy Eckstein, Mark Masavage, Nelson French, Erik Tuveson, Amy Tonges, Leron Giesting, Rheadawn Young, John Strange.

Meeting called to Order by: President Mark Masavage

Opening Prayer: Father Stan Pondo

Introduction of Guests: Wade Ryle

Pastors Report: The meeting for the parish picnic went very well. The parish will supply the main food item, hamburgers and hot dogs. The parish will supply the rest, salads, and deserts. We have entertainment planned, games for the kids, and card games for the adults. The 11:00 mass will be at the park. This will be July 26, 2015, the last Sunday in July. Father is looking for a good representation of the parish to foster a sense of Family for the parish.

The book club that Father started went very well he reported. The first book was "A Canticle for Leibowitz".

Father will be having a meeting with Fr. Wittington to give a report to the Archdiocese on "Connected in the Spirit".

Father Stan said he had a very warm welcome at all of the masses this past weekend when he announced he would be assigned here as our permanent pastor. (Normal length of time is 6 years).

We had a very good turnout of volunteers for the School Commission, 30 in all. There will be a total of 7, 4 elected, and 3 appointed. Hopefully this election will take place and everything will be in place by the end of June.

Probably in June and no later than July Fr. wants to have a meeting of his staff to establish a comprehensive calendar for the whole parish including the commissions and chairpersons of committees, that there will not be events planned at the same time. The object is to establish a master calendar overseen by Michelle. This will be tied in with the Saint Louis website.

Guest Speaker: Wade Ryle

Wade started off with a little of his background, born in Greensburg and is a proud member of Saint Mary's in Greensburg. He married his high school sweetheart and has been married for 31 years, they have 2 children. He has had several jobs including working the Ryle addition that his grandfather built. He was at Delta Faucet for 26 years holding various jobs, also serving in management positions.

Here at St. Louis we have 6 buildings, and is responsible for all of the grounds including the cemetery of 141/2 acre, we average 35-40 burials a year. All repairs, support any and all functions and activities. Wade has been at St. Louis now for 5 years and is getting to the point of being proactive rather than just reacting to problems. Wade has to know all of the regulations and requirements to keep the whole parish in compliance with the EPA and other agencies. Wade also has to stay within his budget that he submits every year.

There are 2 fulltime employees in maintenance, Wade, Brain Lamping and they also use 5 high school students as part time help. Wade will use about 9 students during the summer.

Wade brought up some areas that will be needing attention in the near future. The parking lot will need to be ground down and add 2-3 inches of new blacktop, the school roof will be needing redone before it begins to leak and cause problems, the a/c roof units are in need of repair. Develop new cemetery grounds.

Wade ended his presentation with, "he is glad to be a Catholic and is very proud of the way St. Louis grounds and buildings look," he says he gets a lot of good positive feedback from the parishioners.

Wade, **we thank you** for the great job that you do and the interest and attitude that you have toward our congregation.

Minutes: Motion to accept, Andy Eckstein, John Strange 2nd the motion

New Business: We will invite the new members to the June meeting, then have an election of Parish Council Officers in August.

As of June 7, 2015 we will begin having coffee and donuts after each mass on a monthly basis, purpose is to foster a family atmosphere and to have fellowship with all members.

There will be a letter composed to send out to all parish families, those that attend and support the parish and those that don't to try to encourage them to participate and to be part of our parish family.

Old Business: Mark Masavage

This past Sunday we conducted an election, there was a good turnout. Those that were elected were, Keith Moenter, Jim Dickey, and Ken Bohman. One member appointed by Fr. Stan is Mayra Adams.

Finance Report: February/August

School Report: January/June

Faith Report: March/September

Parish Life: April/October

President: Mark Masavage, memasavage@gmail.com 2016

Vice President: Andy Eckstein, axtine1@gmail.com 2016

Secretary: Nelson French, pruitt1943@gmail.com 2017

Finance Committee: Erik Tuveson

Faith Formation: Leron Giesting

Parish Life: Rheadawn Young

School Commission: Not Active

Members:

Thomas Gies 2016, John Kellerman 2016, Sebastian Moster 2016, John Strange 2016, Ken Bohman 2018, Keith Moenter 2018, Jim Dickey 2018, Mayra Adams 2018.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2015- 7pm following the 6pm Mass.

There will be no meetings in July or December in 2015

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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