



## 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:** May 17, 2016

President: John Strange-2016 Vice President Keith Moenter, Secretary: Nelson French-2017

**Attendance:** Fr. Stan, Nelson French, Ken Bohman, Mark Masavage, Andy Eckstein, John Strange, Leron Giesting, John Kellerman, Keith Moenter, Pat Meer, James Dickey, Sebastian Moster, Mayra Adams & Oliver.

**Meeting called to Order** by: President John Strange

**Opening Prayer:** Father Stan

**Introduction of Guests:** None

**Minutes:** Motion to accept, James Dickey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Bohman

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Pastors Report:** Fr. Stan

- **Parish Clean-up, Fix-up Day.** Wade Ryle will have a couple of projects for us, painting of the School cafeteria and some clean-up around the campus. The painting will take more than One day. Dates and signup sheets will be forth coming.
- **Parish Picnic update:** The date will be July 24, 2016. Father Stan complimented the committee on their good work on this project.
- **Financial update:** Father reports that if the figures hold steady, we will see a significant improvement in the deficit. Great News!! Approximately 2/3 reduction!! (not finalized)
- **Mass times:** Father will do a survey to see if there is an interest in Mass times change, possibly a 7,9,11 am. On Sunday.
- **Annual Appeal:** The final number seems to be around 96% of goal, with about 40% of participation. Father is very pleased with this improvement since the Archdiocese is around 30 %.
- **Blessing Houses:** Father ask for the council for advice on this issue. We were in favor of this, maybe starting with the P.C. members. After this maybe proceed in alphabetical order.

**New Business:**

- **Election Process:** John Strange, we need 4 new council members to replace the 6 members going off, 2 elected and 2 appointed by Fr. Stan. John has contacted the prospective members to confirm and ask for a bio to be posted in the church bulletin on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, then the election will take place the following weekend. The six selectees are [Amy Streator](#), [Jim Kuisel](#), [Dave Meyer](#), [Mary Harah](#), [Hannah Giesting](#), and [Tom Sullivan](#).
- **Officers:** The whole council will be the nominating committee. Nominated Members; Secretary, Nelson French, President; Keith Moenter, Vice President; Ken Bohman. We will officially vote on these member when the members are at their first meeting.
- **Amendments to the P.C. Constitution:** Fr. Stan, John Kellerman, Mark Masavage went through the constitution to get It in line with Canon Law. The amendmened constitution was e-mailed to all members with the changes in yellow. A motion was made to accept the amended constitution by Mark Masavage, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith Moenter, motion passed by all members present. A copy of this amended constitution will be posted with these minutes in our book at the back of church.

**Old Business:**

**Haiti mission fund raiser:** Keith Moenter presented the **Haiti mission fund raiser** with a hand out. (I will post with the minutes).The hand out was written by Dr. Glaser and Susan Roell There will be trips in June and January. We have received \$8,000.00 in donations since we started being involved at Saint

Louis in the fall of 2015. Anyone can donate at any time, the handout will go out to all Parishioners in mid-June.

**Speaker System:** James Dickey, they will start on Monday May 23, 2016 and should be finished by the end of the week.

**Spanish Ministry:** Mayra Adams

They will continue going house to house for the Spanish Ministry even though school will be closed. They are currently 25 families they are working with. **This is Evangelization first hand. Thank You!**

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

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion by Andy Eckstein, Keith Moenter

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Stan

**Next Meeting:** June 21, 2016

Finance Report: February16/August 16

School Report: January19/June 21

Faith Report: March15/September20

Parish Life: Apri19/October18

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

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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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, and the Financial Chairperson are **ex-officio, non-voting** members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Section 4, The 3 chairpersons of the Parish Life & School Commission, Faith Formation 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.

