



Saint Louis Catholic Church

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Faith Formation: Leron Giesting

Parish Life: Rheadawn Young

School Committee: Not Active

1. Thomas Gies, 2016

2. T.J. Greene 2015

3. John Kellerman 2015

4. Sebastian Moster 2016

5. Jade Ritter 2015

6. John Strange 2016

7. Nathan Wanstrath 2015

Parish Council Minutes

Date: 7 pm Tuesday November 18, 2014

Location: Parish Office Library-back office

Meeting called to Order by: President Mark Masavage

Opening Prayer: Father Damian

Approval of Minutes: Amy Tonges, 2nd Rheadawn Young

Attendance:

Mark Masavage, Andy Eckstein, Nelson French, Amy Tonges, Rheadawn Young, Erik Tuveson, Leron Giesting, Fr. Damian, Mike Witka, Sebastian Moster, John Strange, and John Kellerman

Absent: Thomas Gies, T.J. Greene, Jade Ritter, and Nathan Wanstrath.

Pastors Report: Fr. Damian

Father gave the report on the next Temporary Administrator who will be arriving January 14, 2015 at this past week-end Masses. He will be meeting with Fr. Stan Pondo one more time before the change. He will be sending Fr. Stan any Parish Council information that he thinks will be of use.

Financial Life Coordinator Report: Mike Witka

Mike's schedule for the week is as follows: Tuesday Batesville, Wednesday Greenfield, Thursday Franklin, Friday Noblesville, and in his office on Mondays. The budget is still being worked on as they proceed, making changes, some small items that weren't thought of and some major changes also. Collections are the biggest issue, at the end of October we were down \$23,783.00, this is critical and hopefully this will come back up. There was an article in the bulletin about Stewardship, but not to the point of hammering the point. There was a Finance meeting prior to this meeting. Total income is down \$18,664.00, so some of the shortfall has come back. Expense are up, \$14,218.00 year to date.

We are working with the school, they are looking at a company that would handle the financial aid, and tuition billing. This will be done by a third party, Mike is sure that it will done correctly. This will come out to the school parents in March, the budget should done in April. The Teachers will be signing their contract in May.

The question of a Development Director is being discussed and is still in the planning stages.

Mike has been extended to stay on at Saint Louis till the July date of our new Pastor.

Parish Council Festival Report: Andy Eckstein

We gave away 5 DVD's to draw interest in the booth. The response was lukewarm at best.

Council split the pot earned \$65.00.

One parishioner did inquire about coming back to the parish. I took his information to the office and called him about the results.

The suggestion box had very few suggestions.

No one signed up for the parish council directly, one parent signed up his daughter and husband.

New Business: Vision Statement

After discussion the council came up with a Vision Statement by mix & match.

Spreading Christ's Love and compassion through our words and actions, Liturgy-Prayer, Catholic Education, Evangelization, and Community Outreach.

The question was asked "what is the role of the Parish Council as concerning the finance budget." Mike said the finance committee prepares a budget and it is presented to the Parish Council for approval.

Parish Council Election:

John Kellerman suggested we have a nominating committee, Nelson agreed to Chair the committee with John on the committee. The whole council would then offer those who would be a creditable candidate. We have 4 members that are scheduled to go off of the council. If the 4 are replaced we would have 10 voting members including the officers. April election, candidates named by March 1, 2015. The constitution calls for 8-12 voting members.

Mark suggested we put Article 1 sections 1 and 2 on the St. Louis web site under the parish council drop down under committees. That has been done so take a look to see if it looks OK and is not too cramped.

Decline in Parish:

John Strange has agreed to Chair this committee, he offered several suggestions in the areas that are of concern. (School decline, parish decline). If they left, why? Mark suggested Parish Life work with him on this concern and come up with an action plan.

School Commission:

It was suggested that Mark invite Principal Chad Moeller to our Parish Council meetings since the school commission is not active. If he agrees he could give a report on the school progress and maybe answer some questions.

Old Business:

Commission Reports:

Finance Committee report: January-June

Parish Life Committee:

Faith Committee:

School Committee:

Fr Damian ask that the Committees post their minutes on our web site, Michelle will post these for you.

Next Meeting: There will be no meeting in December 2014, Next Meeting January 20, 2015

Adjourn: Nelson French 2nd-?

Closing Prayer: Fr. Damian

Minutes recorded by:

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