



## 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 August 2017

**Date:** August 8, 2017

**Location:** Parish Office Library-back office

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**President:** Keith Moenter 2018, **Vice President:** Ken Bohman 2018, **Secretary:** James Dickey, 2018

**Finance Committee:** Erik Tuveson, **Faith Formation:** Angela Werner, **Parish Life?? School Commission:** Mike Fritsch (Pat Meer), **Business Manager** Scott Weekly

**Members:** Amy Streator 2019, Hannah Giesting 2019, Mayra Adams 2018, Dave Meyer 2019, Tom Sullivan 2019, Bill Giltz 2020, Todd Tekulve 2020.

Meeting called to order: Ken Bohman

Opening Prayer: ALL

Approval of Minutes: Amy Streator, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Sullivan

Introduction of Guests: New members, Bill Giltz and Todd Tekulve were welcomed.

Pat Meer reported that all involved felt the success of our Parish at the Park Mass service and luncheon. The weather was noted as interesting to say the least. Great thanks went out to the VFW, Kiwanis, certainly to all the parish volunteers that came together to provide food and fun regarding this event. It was estimated that around 230 people attended.

Pastor's Report: Father Stan

1. School started with 322 students enrolled
2. The Pope names Indianapolis' new Archbishop, Charles C. Thompson
3. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning update, gathering chairpersons for the different areas of the event.
4. Capital Project Fund Raiser-further discussion with the new archbishop is needed regarding the workings of having a CPFR. Two requirements are listed for such a project. One being that the parish must reach 75% of the archdiocese appeal and two, the parish needs to be profitable two years in a row. Fr. Stan mentioned that he is requesting conversation regarding the second requirement.
5. Alumni of the Year program was brought up and discussed as a vehicle to get more and more alumni involved in the current happenings of St. Louis School and Parish as well as a public relations initiative in the many accomplishments of the St. Louis School alumni. Possibly awarding a "jacket" to the selected alumni. Fr. Stan noted that he would donate the first jacket.
6. St. Louis Parish will continue with the Fatima Services (September 13<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>) scheduled for 7pm. These services have been very well attended.
7. Fr. Stan also noted that attendance at the weekend masses were extremely low and this possibly was because of the last week before school would be in session.

Presidents Report: Keith Moenter

1. Miscellaneous follow up

Committee Report: Scott Weekly – Finance. Scott reported (and gave all present a handout) regarding all the parish and school expenditures as well as receipts. Points of note were that contributions were up about 6% and that was attributed to the request to the parish from Fr.

Stan. He stated the deficit, which was over 100,000 in FY 16 has been reduced to 12,239 for FY 17. Many areas of the budget handout were discussed regarding the bottom line.

2. Continued miscellaneous – A custom rosary vendor has stepped forward regarding the 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary.
3. Tom Sullivan asked if we gained any students due to the closing of Fr. Meyer's school.
4. It was mentioned that Kevin Chaffee is researching the benefits of sending your child to St. Louis School.
5. Hannah Giesting is looking to promote the Catechism of the Catholic Church in our area whether the children go to St. Louis School or not.
6. Parish Council continued discussion on what St. Louis School can and does provide versus other local schools, noting that the many positives need to be emphasized. The fact that SLS has been rated an A school 11 years in a row and the ISTEP scores are number 1 in comparing with area schools (in all areas of learning).
7. Keith mentioned that a letter to the editor should be written noting that in his experience these letters hit home with the community.
8. Also mentioned that social media vehicles such as YELP and FACEBOOK as well as others should be utilized in getting the word out about the benefits and blessings of enrolling \ attending St. Louis School.

Closing Prayer: ALL

Motion to Adjourn: Tom Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> James Dickey

Finance Report: February 14 /August 8

School Report: January 10 /June 13

Faith Report: March 14 /September 12

Parish Life: April 11 /October10

\*There will be no July or December Meeting

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