

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

August 27, 2020

Meeting opened at 6:34 with prayer offered by Fr. Peter.

Attending: Fr. Peter Do, Jim McGoff, Frances Seaton, Bob Goens, Anne Bainbridge, Kathy DeLozier, Jim Sinnott, Chris Finzer, Matt Huber, Erin Maguire-Osting, Faye Johnson, Bella Fictola, Mary Ridenour

Approval of July Minutes: had been done via email.

Transfer of chairmanship: Tim Buckley formally ended his term on parish council and as chair. Bob Goens officially took on the role of chairperson.

Committee Reports: (for further information, contact the committee chairs via email.)

- **Justice Ministry:** submitted by Tim Buckley, (tbuckley21@earthlink.net) JPPI is working with CLOUT on an investment drive and our team has donated \$8,375 toward CLOUT's goal of \$60,000. JPPI's team is planning for the annual listening sessions and house meetings. Two new congregations have joined CLOUT: Immanuel UCC and Adath Jeshuran. CLOUT worked with the city budget team and reports several additions to the city to increase justice.
- **New Construction:** submitted by Tim Buckley, (tbuckley21@earthlink.net) VBNA Architects and JPPI team are working to finalize plans on the new Parish Life Center, particularly the details for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing. After the plans are finalized, a list of contractors on an archdiocesan recommendation list will be contacted for bids. The conditional use permit application has been submitted to the city of Louisville, but no action is expected until October.
- **Formation Committee:** submitted by Chris Finzer, (cfinzer@hotmail.com) Frances Seaton has worked with a committee to complete a parish census and update parish records. Frances has created a prayer wall in the Lincoln Room based on prayer requests from parishioners. At this time, there are no students registered for religious education classes, and teachers are needed for grades K, 1, and 4 if there are students who enroll. If there is a religious education program this fall, cleaning protocols need to be clarified. Bible studies are not going to start in the fall due to COVID concerns. Dare to Care is working to replace Kids' Café with box lunches and a Facetime alternative to individual tutoring.

- **Worship Committee:** submitted by Faye Johnson (fjohnson446@aim.com) Both weekend Masses have seen an increase in attendance, with the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass have more parishioners than the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass. Ministers are called on a weekly basis. No decision has been made on when to resume choirs.

Council Expectations: Fr. Peter expressed a desire to try to accomplish doing good things for the parish. He stated that when an issue is brought up that we discuss, solve, do something, and move forward. Bob Goens mentioned that he is willing to volunteer in any area to ensure follow-up to initiatives.

Committee chairs: There were three standing parish council committees which had no chairs, administration, parish life, and adult representative. These chairs should serve as a conduit of information from subcommittees to the parish council. After discussion, the following members were appointed as chairs: Kathy DeLozier, administration; Jim Sinnott, parish life; Anne Bainbridge, adults. Tim Buckley had served as liaison between the new construction committee and parish council, but did not actually serve on the committee. He was unanimously confirmed to serve on the new construction committee.

Discussion on “Committee of Five”: Anne Bainbridge brought up a need for an overarching “Committee of Five” made up of council members who provide structured communication to both the council and the parish at large (via committee reports). A discussion about which ministries would fall under the five categories will be held at some point before September 24, and may be facilitated by Sr. Justina Hennegan, who can help write bylaws to reflect these changes. Sr. Justina served as a liaison between parish councils and the archdiocese before her retirement. She is a member of our parish, and has offered to help us restructure the council to better meet our needs. The five committee chairs will represent Administration, Formation, Parish Life, Social Concerns, and Worship. This model was in place at St. Pius before the formation of St. John Paul II. Anne agreed to serve temporarily as the Social Concerns representative on the Committee of Five. After discussion, there was a motion by Chris Finzer, seconded by Jim Sinnott, to establish the Committee of Five. Bob will reach out to Sr. Justina to see if she would be available to meet after a Sunday morning Mass. There was a second motion proposed by Anne and seconded by Chris to move the Francis Center under the auspices of Social Concerns.

Update on Rectory: Fr. Peter may be able to move into the new rectory by the end of September.

Communication improvements: Fr. Peter stated that our parish website is under construction. The company which produces our bulletin is providing that work. Fr. Peter also said that he will create a small column of “What’s ahead?” as well as a column on “What’s behind us?” to keep

parishioners informed of parish activities. Council decided that more information should be linked to our website. Due to the space limitations on the website, Kathy DeLozier stated that the committee reports will be referenced in council minutes and the email address of each chair will be given. If parishioners want more information about any of the committee work, they can contact the chair via email. Mary Ridenour brought up a concern for older parishioners who do not rely heavily on digital devices. Since the number of bulletins that we receive has decreased during the time of COVID due to furloughs at the company which prints our bulletin, we cannot simply assume that if we put minutes in the bulletin that everyone who wants one will get a written copy. No decisions were made on how best to address this need.

New business: Matt Huber, scoutmaster, stated that the Boy Scouts of America now allow girls to participate in their scouting program. There is interest at JP II about following this model. Fr. Peter would like to check with the archdiocese to see if this approved by their scouting office. If so, the council did not feel that they needed to approve this change as a boy scout charter already exists for the parish.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:57 with a prayer offered by Anne. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 24 at 6:30; it may be a hybrid meeting with some zoom participants and in-person participants.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier