

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

September 24, 2020

“In communion with the Universal Church, and the Archdiocese of Louisville, our mission is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ by:

Worshiping God in word and sacrament;

Teaching and sharing our faith;

Serving human needs, especially of the poor and oppressed;

Promoting holiness of life through continuing conversion;

Fostering justice and reconciliation among all God’s people.

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

Attending: Fr. Peter Do, Frances Seaton, Anne Bainbridge, Chris Clements, Kathy DeLozier, Bella Fictola, Chris Finzer, Bob Goens, Faye Johnson, Mary Ridenour, Jim Sinnott,

Approval of August Minutes: had been done via email.

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

- **Administration Committees:** submitted by Kathy DeLozier (delozier.kathy@gmail.com)
The building and grounds committee has been operating on emergency basis since the coronavirus began, but will begin regular work soon. The gardening and landscaping committee works as needed, with help from the boy scouts. The Hikes Lane campus is slowly being cleared out, and many items have been donated to Fr. Nick Rice’s mission parishes.
- **CLOUT/Justice Ministry:** submitted by Mike Kolb, Eight virtual or outdoor house meetings are scheduled for the Listening Process; three new congregations have joined CLOUT, bringing total to 23 participating congregations; a Police Work Review Group meets regularly focused on issues centered on racial inequality in policing; CLOUT’s annual new issue will be announced on October 27.
- **Committee of Five:** submitted by Anne Bainbridge (abain52bridge@twc.com) Will be referenced as “liaisons” rather than chairpersons of committees; will contact committee chairs in each main area (Administration, Parish Life, Worship, Formation, Social Concerns) and report to parish council at least four days before the meeting; Anne updated the active parish committees and communicated that information to Darlene to be published in our annual guide book and on our upcoming stewardship forms;
- **New Building Construction:** submitted by Tim Buckley, (tbuckley21@earthlink.net) The archdiocesan building commission met with our building team to address questions

about upcoming building of a new parish life center and a new garage (garage will be bid separately and will be used for storage). Financing for the new construction will come from the sale of the Hikes Lane campus, although the sale is contingent upon a rezoning classification. Should the sale fall through, the parish can apply for financing the Archdiocese Loan Commission, which will consider the parish's ability to make interest payments until the sale of the property goes through. The architect should have final construction documents ready by September 25. The team will review them and meet again on October 6. After that, the team will meet with an archdiocesan rep, Bill Zoeller, for final approval and the opening of bids. Total construction time could take about nine months.

- **Formation Committees:** submitted by Chris Finzer, (cfinzer@hotmail.com) Frances Seaton and helpers have almost finished the parish census, with only about 30 calls to make; goal is to be completed by October 1. There will be a plan to notify those who schedule ministers of any changes to our roster. The committees decided to think about Formation activities in the near future: outreach to elderly and homebound; outreach to 20-40 year olds; utilizing deacons to evangelize; establishing faith-sharing opportunities. There has been one new student registered for religious education, making a total of four students. Walking with Purpose will begin studying Women of the Bible. Sessions will be held on Mondays at 10:30 AM, Wednesdays via zoom at 6:30 PM, and Thursdays at 6:30. No one has registered for RCIA.
- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott, (jhsinnott3@yahoo.com) Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts have begun meeting weekly and the boy scouts are planning a drive-through Spaghetti Supper on October 3 after the 4:30 Mass. The girl scouts have begun selling nuts, candy and Christmas tins. The photography committee is looking for a chairperson, and there are several events planned for October that need to be photographed and documented. There will be a yard sale on the Hikes Lane campus on October 10. Parishioners can secure a spot for \$10.00, and the parish will also sell some items that are in storage and no longer needed. There will be a Halloween "Surf and Turf" drive-thru on the Goldsmith Lane campus beginning at 5:30 on October 24. It will include a carry-out fish fry, trick-or-treating sponsored by the teachers, and Fr. Peter's Pumpkin Patch. The fundraising committee is researching getting a license to have a 50/50 pot and capital prize raffle at the Halloween Surf and Turf. CSAA has approached Chris Clements about using our gym for hosting basketball in November and December.
- **Social Concerns:** submitted by Anne Bainbridge (abain52bridge@twc.com) CLOUT report listed above; Faithful Citizenship information about voting will be placed in the bulletin; Food Collection is being collected monthly; Respect Life collected \$300.00 for the Walk for Life; Baby Bottle Collection will run from October 3-November 1; food collection for our Thanksgiving baskets will begin shortly; the Francis Center will begin

offering drive-thru box meals courtesy of Dare to Care twice weekly for families with children enrolled in Kids' Café; other ministries at the Francis Center continue;

- **Worship Committees:** submitted by Faye Johnson (fjohnson446@aim.com) Mass attendance has been steady (95-100 for Saturday and 90-95 for Sunday); sacristans for our parish are Diana Cotton, Anne Bainbridge, Charlie Ernst, and Sharon Hibbs; dates for special Masses have been set: Memorial Mass, 11/2 @6:30 PM; Thanksgiving Mass, 11/26@9:00 AM; Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass, 12/8 @noon and 7:00 PM; Christmas Eve Mass, 12/24 @4:30 and 9:00; Christmas Day Mass, 12/25 @10:00 AM; New Year's Day Mass, 1/1 @ 9:00 AM; There are still no choirs at this time due to the pandemic.

Role of Parish Council/Council Expectations: Sr. Justina Heneghan, R.S.M. explained the a council is rooted in canon law which states that a "Parish Council is the most promising way to make sure participation in the mission of the Church happens." It is the preferred way for lay leadership to work with the pastor for the betterment of the parish. The council influences the way our church's mission is carried out. It is a consultative body to the pastor, not about power, but about service. The council should give diverse viewpoints representing the entire parish, and it should listen deeply to one another. Once on council, members "give up the right to be silent." Confidentiality is of the utmost importance and is a key component of the consultative process. The council should ask itself: What is Christ saying to St. John Paul II parish right now? What does Christ want for us? What does Christ want from us? The council members serve as a watchdog of Gospel values.

The parish council should know its strengths and find out what it is lacking. Therefore it needs a mission-driven agenda oriented to the future. The council needs to be aware of the times in which we live and see how we can serve. Good works come from needs of the community.

The method of decision-making must come from consensus, and it may not meet without the pastor being present. This is part of the archdiocesan policy manual on parish councils. Consensus decision making means members speak as one voice once decisions have been made. If a member is unwilling to support a decision, that member should abstain from voting on an issue before the council. This is different from most boards that rely on Roberts' Rules of Order.

Councils are called to serve not only the registered members of the church, but also the community within the geographical boundaries of the parish. Parishes have a responsibility to all who live within the boundaries, as written in canon law. Councils should respond to issues, develop policies, set goals, and then allow committees to determine how to take actions to achieve those goals. All decisions must be rooted in prayer.

Sr. Justina suggested inviting full committees to our meetings on a rotating, intermittent basis.

New Business: Chris Clements stated that all fall sports were halted due to the pandemic. However, the CSAA is looking at holding basketball beginning in November and the CSAA asked for a commitment by September 25 if JPll can host a league in our gym. While it could be a moneymaker, it would entail many workers to keep the building and equipment sanitized between games. Most parishes in the archdiocese have declined to host leagues. Chris asked whether hosting is both feasible and moral. After a brief discussion, the council decided that at this time, we will decline to host a league for the 2020-21 school year.

Update on Rectory: Fr. Peter gave the council a brief tour of the rectory after our formal meeting. It will be open for parishioners after the Masses on October 3 and 4.

Agenda items for next meeting: Discussion of bylaws to reflect make-up of the council, specifically Article IV, VII, and VIII.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:57 with a prayer offered by Anne. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 PM.** (Note time change.)

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier