

## St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

*December 3, 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 prayer offered by Fr. Peter. Meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

**Attending:** Fr. Peter Do, Anne Bainbridge, Chris Clements, Kathy DeLozier, Bella Fictola, Chris Finzer, Bob Goens, Faye Johnson, Erin Maguire-Osting, Mary Ridenour, Jim Sinnott,

**Approval of October 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](mailto:delozier.kathy@gmail.com)) The finance committee requested a clarification on whether the representative to parish council would be a voting member or not. Laura Tallent has accepted an appointment to the finance committee and will serve until June, 2022. God’s Housekeepers continue to clean church twice a month.
- **New Building Construction:** submitted by Tim Buckley, ([tbuckley21@earthlink.net](mailto:tbuckley21@earthlink.net)) All bids have been reviewed by the parish council, and the council approved the bid by Churchill-McGee from Lexington. The archbishop (and his advisors) has approved our decision, and once the contract is signed, groundbreaking can begin. While Churchill-McGee is from Lexington, all subcontractors are local. The timeline for the sale of the Hikes Lane campus has been extended as the buyer seeks zoning changes from Jefferson County.
- **Formation Committees:** submitted by Chris Finzer, ([cfinzer@hotmail.com](mailto:cfinzer@hotmail.com)) The committee decided to include a variety of prayer options for parishioners to use during Advent. Some will be offered online. The committee is also looking at resources to offer after Christmas. The school will begin sending cards to elderly parishioners as part of the Card Writing ministry. (However, since the school is now online, this will not start until January.) Elaine Hulsman, Kelly Booker, and Terry Becker are coordinating this ministry.

- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott, ([jhsinnott3@yahoo.com](mailto:jhsinnott3@yahoo.com)) The children's activities committee is trying to come up with virtual activities for December and January due to COVID restrictions. The parish and school collected about 30 blankets for the homeless in Louisville. Fish fries are planned for Lent. The photography committee is still looking for a chairperson. Scouts are assessing the best ways to continue meeting virtually, and they are looking for both new members and adults willing to be leaders. Aileen Sterrett has volunteered to chair the phone committee. She has 10 members on her committee, but she would like at least 10 more. There are 212 parishioners aged 70 and above, and Fr. Peter would like to have all these parishioners receive a personal call or card at least once per quarter. A suggestion was made that the school children could begin their card-writing ministry (which is part of the Call Ministry) when they return in January.
- **Social Concerns:** submitted by Anne Bainbridge ([abain52bridge@twc.com](mailto:abain52bridge@twc.com)) The card writing ministry is part of several larger committees of the parish – formation, parish life, and social concerns. Food collections are held monthly. The Respect Life committee has collected donations for the large ad placed in the Courier in January. The Sharing and Caring tree is set up in the back of church. All gifts should be returned by December 12/13. The sock collection for homeless men will also end on December 12/13. St. John Paul collected food items for Thanksgiving baskets for residents of the 40218 zip code. There were 696 food items collected along with \$425 in gift cards. A total of \$390 in cash was also collected and will be used to supplement the Sharing and Caring tree if needed. The Francis Center is still offering Rock Steady Boxing, a monthly food truck from Dare to Care, and tutoring for children after school. The following ministries that fall under the Francis Center have been suspended due to the pandemic: Nursing home ministry, Habitat for Humanity, St. Vincent de Paul Open Hand kitchen, Dress for Success, and the Widows and Widowers groups. CLOUT approved their new issue, Community Safety and Equity, and this new issue has three focus areas: racial bias in policing, crime and safety (homicide, gun violence, etc.) , and problems in the criminal justice system. Mike Kolb, a parishioner, is one of the co-presidents of CLOUT for the 2020-21 year. St. John Paul has 37 network members in CLOUT. Four meetings are planned via Zoom beginning in February. See bulletin for details.
- **Worship:** submitted by Faye Johnson ([fjohnson446@aim.com](mailto:fjohnson446@aim.com)) The worship committee has not met in person due to COVID. The worship committee is made up of sacristans, art and environment, communion ministers, lectors, hospitality, and music.

**Discussion of bylaws:** An ad hoc committee of the parish council met to look over our by-laws and make necessary changes to better reflect the new make-up of our council committees. Scouting has been folded into our parish life committee, and therefore will not have a

dedicated council member any longer. The finance committee, however, will have a voting member after a motion was made by Jim Sinnott and approved unanimously. Fr. Peter will continue to have two appointed non-voting members on the council. All terms except youth and finance will last for three years. The youth representative will serve a two-year term, and the finance committee representative to the council will serve a one-year term. Council had a long discussion as to whether the five committee chairs would be appointed by members of the various committees or selected randomly from the general population of our parish. Fr. Peter suggested having an information session in March or April for any parishioner interested in serving on the council. Each prospective candidate will have a full explanation as to the various duties of council members. After that meeting, candidates who are interested in serving will be selected during a Mass to serve their three-year term.

**Clarification of by-laws:** The secretary of the parish council is responsible for disseminating minutes within seven days of the meeting. Since the secretary keeps the attendance log, the secretary will inform the council chair if a member misses three consecutive meetings. The chair will then contact the member to see if the member needs to be replaced.

**Membership of council by committee:**

Rolling off in 2021: Chris Clements, young adults; Chris Finzer, formation; Betty French, seniors. In addition, at the start of the 2021-22 year, a social concerns representative on the five committees needs to be in place. Mary Ridenour's one year term as finance rep will also roll off.

Rolling off in 2022: Bob Goens, chair; Faye Johnson, worship; Erin Maguire-Osting, representative at large; Bella Fichtola, youth.

Rolling off in 2023: Anne Bainbridge, adult rep and co-chair (and currently representing social concerns until the end of this council year); Kathy DeLozier, secretary and administration rep; Matt Huber, school board representative; Jim Sinnott, parish life.

**New Business:** Fr. Peter now has the capability of live-streaming Mass through a computer and new camera rather than his phone. That will begin the weekend of December 5/6.

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 8:16 with a prayer offered by Anne. The next meeting will be on January 28 at 6:30. This may be via Zoom.

*Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier*