

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

January 28, 2021 (via Zoom)

“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, and a recognition of Clarence Stuber’s death. Meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Attending: Fr. Peter Do, Anne Bainbridge, Kathy DeLozier, Bella Fictola, Chris Finzer, Bob Goens, Faye Johnson, Erin Maguire-Osting, Mary Ridenour, Jim Sinnott, and Sandra Moore, new bookkeeper

Approval of January 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 finance committee welcomed Laura Tallent to their group. Laura replaces Pat Wilkison. Collections are keeping pace with our budget. There is a need for at least one more team to count weekly collections after Sunday morning Mass. This team would need to be appointed by Fr. Peter.
- **New Building Construction:** submitted by Tim Buckley, (tbuckley21@earthlink.net) Tim reported that Archbishop Kurtz will celebrate Mass at JP II on January 31 and preside over a groundbreaking ceremony immediately following Mass. Bob Goens submitted an invitation from Frank Hulsman inviting the parish council to participate in the ceremony. Five ceremonial shovels would be shared among participants. Tim also announced that the committee is working on bids for a new IT system to cover network wiring, new security cameras, WiFi service and several other services. So far, bids have ranged from \$32,000 to \$65,000. The parish will award the bid based on lowest price. The buyer of our Hikes Lane campus is still interested in proceeding with their purchase and has given more money to retain its deposit.
- **Formation Committees:** submitted by Chris Finzer, (cfinzer@hotmail.com) Lent will begin on February 17. Fr. Peter reported that individual bags of ashes would be

available for parishioners to pick up the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, but there would be no distribution of ashes during Mass. There will be a prayer service at noon on Feb. 17. There will be prayer and reflection offerings as well as Stations of the Cross led by Deacon Jim at noon on Fridays. The outdoor stations will be erected again so people can stop and pray at any time, and someone on the formation committee will check with school to see if any classes are planning on doing the stations or presenting the Passion. There was a discussion about having a speaker during Lent or after Easter and using our livestream equipment to broadcast it. There are no adult catechumens this year, and so no special rites to be conducted during Holy Week. We will hold Mass on Holy Thursday, a prayer service on Good Friday, and the vigil Mass at 8:00 on Holy Saturday. Archbishop Kurtz prays the Rosary on Air daily at noon on AM1040. There are no plans to add our 11:00 AM Sunday Mass because the other Masses have not reached capacity. Religious education started back up on January 10, and there are six students enrolled.

- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott, (jhsinnott3@yahoo.com) Fish fries will be offered every Friday during Lent. Lunch will be available as carry out only from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM; dinner will be offered from 5:00-7:00 PM. The fish fry committee has set up social distancing protocols. The Boy Scouts are having a carry-out Mardi Gras dinner on March 13 from 3:30 to 6:30. The meal is valued at \$10.00 and can be pre-ordered by visiting <https://troop243.com/events>. COVID restrictions are still impacting all of our scout troops and their activities, but the boy scouts hope to attend Camp Crooked Creek in the summer. There are 11 members of the phone tree committee, and they have begun contacting all parishioners over the age of 70 to conduct check-ins and see how John Paul II can meet their needs. The information gathered by the committee from those contacted will be discussed with parish leaders.
- **Social Concerns:** submitted by Anne Bainbridge (abain52bridge@twc.com) The students at JPIIA will begin writing cards to older parishioners in January. Our December collections for the needy were mostly successful: 609 pairs of socks were donated for homeless men, although that was down significantly from last year. Thanksgiving baskets and gift cards were donated to Fern Creek/Highview Ministries. The Caring and Sharing Tree helped six families with 21 children receiving clothing, toys, and food gift cards. Additional gift cards were given to Catholic Charities to be shared with the Mother/Infant Project. Dress for Success will be ready to receive donations in March or April. Our parish social worker will offer grief counselling beginning in the spring. The Francis Center is offering Rock Steady Boxing via zoom and participation is higher than it was preCOVID. The food truck provided by Dare to Care is offered at our Hikes Lane campus on the second Tuesday of each month. It is very well-attended. The next

CLOUT meeting will be on February 21 from 12:30-1:30 via zoom. Information about the Nehemiah Action and the March 23rd rally will be discussed.

- **Worship:** submitted by Faye Johnson (fjohnson446@aim.com) Archbishop Kurtz will celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life at JPll on January 31 at 9:00AM. Religious sisters and brothers will be recognized for milestones ranging from 25 to 80 years. This Mass will precede the groundbreaking ceremony for our new parish center. Ash Wednesday services will be on February 17 with Mass and ashes at 8:00 AM and a prayer service at noon. Live streaming of Masses is very successful, and people are very pleased with the quality of the video. Check the bulletin weekly for Lenten services details.

Question about gym policy: Chris Clements submitted a question about a policy regarding the use of our gym and fields by outside-the-parish groups. Fr. Peter explained that members of St. John Vianney had used the field in the fall and donated \$300.00 to our parish. We will maintain our policy of allowing parish groups to have access to gym and field facilities first as long as COVID protocols are followed. If no group is scheduled to use the facilities, then outside groups may request access to them.

Fundraising: The fundraising committee was not able to meet, but parish council discussed having a Derby-themed fundraising event. Charitable gaming requires 60 days' notice for any event, so Sandra Moore, our new parish bookkeeper will begin the necessary paperwork for an event on May 2 at the 9:00 Mass. The committee can begin selling raffle tickets at Easter. Sandra will investigate if credit cards can be used and if we can sell chances via our web site.

Formation of Strategic Planning Committee: Fr. Peter will begin putting together a strategic planning committee. Two council members will be asked to join along with other from the parish at large. Sr. Justina will also be on the committee. Fr. Peter hopes that by our February meeting the members of the committee will be in place.

New Business: Parish council members need to generate new names of people who may agree to be considered for membership on next year's council. We hope to have an informational meeting in March or April before selection of a new council in May. A new school rep needs to be appointed to serve as a liaison between the parish and the school.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:19 with a prayer offered by Anne. The next meeting will be on February 25 at 6:30. It will be held via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier