

## St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

February 25, 2021

*“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 shared by Sr. Justina.

**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, and Sr. Justina Heneghan

**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](mailto:delozier.kathy@gmail.com)) The Building and Grounds committee will continue to work on small projects where social distancing can be achieved. They are ready to begin some outdoor work as the weather improves.
- **New Building Construction:** submitted by Tim Buckley, ([tbuckley21@earthlink.net](mailto:tbuckley21@earthlink.net)) New construction on the Parish Life Center is awaiting building permits even though ground was ceremonially broken on January 31. Other bids for a new storage garage, signage, security cameras and alarm system, and other wiring have been secured.
- **Formation Committees:** submitted by Chris Finzer, ([cfinzer@hotmail.com](mailto:cfinzer@hotmail.com)) Lenten activities have begun, including a variety of Stations of the Cross for Friday prayers, bulletin insertions, and copies of the black books for parishioners to pick up in the back of church. Jack Clark is stepping down as our long-time coordinator of religious education. Chris Finzer will replace him. Committee discussed the importance of creating small group relationships to build our parish, and will actively pursue a Welcoming committee to contact new parishioners to help them build a relationship with the parish.
- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott, ([jhsinnott3@yahoo.com](mailto:jhsinnott3@yahoo.com)) The children’s activity committee would like to make theme-based videos available to parish

children on a periodic basis. A committee has been set up to plan for a fall festival. All protocols were in place for the first fish fry. Fr. Peter heralded its success at Sunday Mass. The phone team has made a total of 153 contacts with parishioners over the age of 70. There is a need for more members on this committee to help make phone calls and report results.

- **Social Concerns:** submitted by Anne Bainbridge ([abain52bridge@twc.com](mailto:abain52bridge@twc.com)) Valentines made by JPIIA students were sent to all parishioners who are either in a nursing home or homebound. **CLOUT** held a network meeting on February 21. Upcoming CLOUT meetings will consist of a rally on March 23 at 6:30; the Nehemiah Action on April 20 at 6:30; and a celebration on June 8 at 6:30. Food is collected monthly and taken to Fern Creek/Highview ministries for distribution within the 40218 zip code. The **Respect Life** committee will participate in 40 Days for Life from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday. Contact Carol Masters ([cbmasters2@aol.com](mailto:cbmasters2@aol.com)) for information. The committee will also be selling tickets to a Celebration of Life Banquet and offering a spiritual adoption for unborn children in which the person “adopting” will pray for that child for nine months. Patti Filley, our parish social worker, continues to serve people requesting help with utility bills. She received an anonymous donation to be used to assist people impacted by the pandemic. She delivered laundry detergent and toothpaste to the Dare to Care mobile food pantry, and there was a large donation of men’s clothing to St. Vincent de Paul. Patti is working on a project to pair parishioners to other parishioners who need help with small services or with meal preparation. This will be limited to the forty days of Lent. The **Francis Center** had to cancel the mobile mammogram opportunity due to the ice storm, but all the women who had signed up have been rescheduled.
- **Worship:** submitted by Faye Johnson ([fjohnson446@aim.com](mailto:fjohnson446@aim.com)) Confirmation was held on Sunday, February 28. It was live-streamed and Archbishop Kurtz was present. The Office of Worship has set out guidelines for Holy Week. Since there are no catechumens this year, the Easter Vigil Mass will be shorter than usual.

**Strategic Planning:** Fr. Peter has appointed Anne Bainbridge, Patti Vance, Okey Patrick MBadike, Ben Karaken, and Jarod Tichy to serve as a committee looking at future ministry and service at St. John Paul II. This committee will be facilitated by Sr. Justina Heneghan, and is purposely created without a committee chair so that all members can share in leadership. Its goal is to identify priority needs based on our mission statement. To that end, Sr. Justina suggested that our parish council revisit our current mission statement, and see if we can capture in a welcoming statement what is most important to us as faithful Catholics. This committee will work for the better part of this year to create a vision that will guide our parish for approximately 3-5 years. Sr. Justina gave all members of the council a template for the

process as well as questions for discernment to help identify strengths and opportunities for growth. The parish council will monitor the process and help evaluate the efficacy of the plan.

**New Business:** The parish council looked at our current mission statement, and studied several others from parishes around the country. We then began to brainstorm ways to state clearly what we believe and what we intend to do as a parish. Chris Clements took all of our ideas and will create a draft of an updated mission statement before our next meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 8:02 with a prayer. The next meeting will be on March 25 at 6:30 in the Lincoln Room at the Hikes Lane campus.

*Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier*