

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

March 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 :30 prayer shared by Fr. Peter.

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

Approval of February 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 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) All permits are now in place so construction has begun on the Parish Life Center. The project should be complete in about 270 days. The total estimated cost of the project (building, architect fees, permits and inspections, computer wiring, sound and audio system, security system, furniture and appliances, signage, and garage will be \$2,061,996.
- **Formation Committees:** submitted by Chris Finzer, (cfinzer@hotmail.com) The committee offered a wide variety of Lenten prayer experiences, and are now wondering how to assess its efficacy to parishioners. Jack Clark has stepped down from leading our religious education program, and Chris Finzer will take over at the end of this school year. The welcome committee will be chaired by Elaine Hulsman and its focus will be on inviting new parishioners to participate in any of the ministries of the parish. There was a discussion about faith formation opportunities that will be available after the pandemic.

- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott, (jhsinnott3@yahoo.com) The photography committee is searching for a chairperson to work with a dedicated group of volunteers who take pictures of parish events. Scouts have continued to meet either in person or virtually. The leaders of all scouts are committed to rebuilding this vital youth ministry for our young parishioners.
- **Social Concerns:** submitted by Anne Bainbridge (abain52bridge@twc.com) CLOUT will hold its annual Nehemiah Action via zoom on April 20, and hold a celebration on June 8. Fr. Peter allowed Hand in Hand ministry to use the church parking lot on March 14 to collect donations from several parishes for victims of the flooding in Eastern Kentucky. Two truckloads were delivered to Auxier, KY on March 16. Five parishioners attended 40 Days for Life on March 12. Kathaleen Riggs will coordinate spiritual adoptions this spring. Our social concerns ministry continues to provide help paying for basic utilities and food in collaboration with other Catholic churches. Our social worker, Patti Filley, offers individual and family counseling for free to all parishioners. There is an emergency food pantry in the parish office to assist parishioners in facing food insecurity. The grief recovery ministry has been closed due to the pandemic, but will resume as more people are vaccinated. The Dress of Success program will restart later in the spring.
- **Worship:** submitted by Faye Johnson (fjohnson446@aim.com) St. John Paul is following all guidelines put forth from the Office of Worship. Holy Thursday and Good Friday services will begin at 7:00 PM. The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:00; there are no candidates entering the church this year. The Mass on Easter morning will be at 9:00.

Mission Statement: The parish council has looked at revising our mission statement, and spent some time in discussion. It will be turned over to the strategic planning committee who will present it to the parish when it is finalized.

Strategic Planning: The committee created a listening form which can be found in church or online. Its purpose is to hear what kinds of ministry needs our parishioners anticipate in the next few years. So far, only about 30 forms have been returned. Erin Osting-Maguire suggested linking the form to our FaceBook page.

Fundraising Committee: Faye Johnson will begin chairing this committee and working with Sandy Moore, our parish business manager, to obtain all necessary charitable gaming licenses. Once the licenses are in place, we can begin selling raffle tickets for a Split the Pot drawing on September 5. The maximum prize from the Split the Pot will be \$20,000.00. We discussed earmarking the profits from the raffle for new office furniture for the Parish Life Center.

Election/Selection Committee: Since Chris Finzer and Chris Clements are rolling off of parish council in May, they will be part of the selection committee to invite interested parishioners to

submit their names for consideration onto our council. Fr. Peter will make pulpit announcements, and Yvonne will post in our Sunday bulletin. Parishioners may nominate themselves or others they know might consider this important ministry. There are four positions that need to be filled: Young Adults, Seniors, Formation, and Social Concerns.

New Business: Fr. Peter announced that an anonymous benefactor has donated a new crucifix that will be revealed on Palm Sunday.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:33 with a prayer. The next meeting will be on April 22 at 6:30 in the Lincoln Room at the Hikes Lane campus.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier