

**Minutes for St. John Paul II Parish Council Meeting
4/22/21 at 6:30pm in the Lincoln Board Room**

In attendance: in-person (Fr. Peter Do, Bob Goens, Anne Bainbridge, Chris Finzer, Sandra Moore, Mary Ridenour and Jim Sinnott); via zoom (Erin Maguire-Osting).

6:35pm Fr. Peter opened meeting with a prayer

6:37pm Minutes for prior Parish Council meeting on 3/25/21 approved

6:40pm Reports from Parish Life, Social Concerns, Clout, Formation and Parish Life Center acknowledged as read

A. Refer to attachments for the Parish Life, Social Concerns, Clout and Formation reports

B. Parish Life Center Report

Frank Hulsman is the parish representative attending the bi-weekly meetings with the general contractor and architect. At the last meeting on 4/9/21, the general contractor provided the preliminary construction schedule. It showed a construction completion date of 10/28/21, with punch list/closeouts through 12/9/21.

1. Foundation work and work on the two detention basins is currently in progress.

a. The foundation excavation will go lower than anticipated in order to assure loadbearing efficiency. This will lead to an additional cost.

b. The back detention basin will require the removal of two trees because of MSD guidelines. Herman Wallitsch helped secure a very reputable tree removal company at a low cost.

2. The project will involve trying to maintain the schedule, while addressing issues that arise.

C. Additional committee items

1. Mary Ridenour said that we need more money counter volunteers for the weekend Mass collections. Any volunteers will be asked by the Parish Office and will require Fr. Peter's approval.

2. Mary Ridenour and Jim Sinnott said that there were parishioners in nursing homes who had previously received bulletins in the mail, but not currently. Father said that he would look into what could be done.

3. Bob Goens asked where Patti Filley's emergency food supply for those in immediate need was located. The Emergency Pantry is on the Hikes campus. Mary Ridenour said that 1/3 of our food collections go to the pantry and the rest to Highview Ministries Food Center.

6:46pm Parish Plan for Ministry update

A. Fr. Peter said that the first meeting was held on 4/11/21. The team was given information about how to conduct the process for building this vital plan for the community. Anne Bainbridge stated that Sr. Justina was going to be an invaluable resource during this endeavor. Between now and the next meeting on 5/15/21, the team members are writing goals that will be presented and discussed at that meeting.

Fifty-one parishioners submitted Listening Forms to the parish office by the 4/10/21 deadline.

6:50pm Fundraising Update

A. Erin Maguire-Osting presented information on how DeSales High School handles their Spring raffle with in-person and online sales. She is going to find out more this week.

B. Sandra Moore reported information gleaned from a recent meeting on parish raffles.

1. The tickets can be sold online, but cannot generate the number and drawing within a system.

a. Fr. Peter and Bob Goens suggested a raffle prize of up to \$20,000 with a \$20/ticket price. The wording on the ticket must be precise in order to generate and protect the profit. The committee appointed by Fr. Peter will analyze the numbers to assure they work.

2. Services such as Square or We Share will be used to facilitate sales.

a. Documentation to show reconciliation to our deposit.

b. Purchaser cannot be asked to pay the service's fee; everyone must pay same price as listed.

3. For online sales you need to print each physical ticket and make sure purchasers receive a receipt of the ticket.

a. Bob Goens wanted to know how we would get the ticket to the purchaser. Fr. Peter said that the special raffle committee would see if we could take a picture of the ticket and text it to purchaser.

4. The drawing date, time, place and prize amount must be established before sales begin.

5. The drawing can be virtual but must be live streamed.

C. Erin Maguire-Osting suggested that we determine if there is a template of raffle tickets that the parish sold for previous parish picnics.

7:00pm Election Committee update

A. Chris Finzer suggested that we repost the Parish Council Nomination form in the bulletin to clarify that the following positions are to be filled: Formation, Senior, Social Concerns and Young Adult, Representatives. There are no At-Large positions.

7:04pm New items to be presented at the next meeting

A. Fr. Peter is considering a second Mass on Sunday; possibly starting in June of 2021.

B. Mary Ridenour asked when cantors would be returning to the Masses regularly. Fr. Peter said that it was being looked at currently.

C. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Lincoln Room at 6:30pm on 5/27/21. This is the fourth Thursday in May.

D. The Council will meet in June '21. There will be no meeting in July '21. Parish Council Meetings will resume in August '21.

7:10pm Closing prayer

Please review for corrections or approval. Respectfully, Jim

SOCIAL CONCERNS/OUTREACH REPORT APRIL 2021

- 1 Card Writing-- Sending cards to Military, Homebound, Nursing Home, and Milestone Birthdays. Has placed notices in bulletin regarding writing to college students with one response so far. Will place more notices in August. Hasn't received cards to elderly from the school kids yet.
- 2 CLOUT- Dates for upcoming 2021 CLOUT meetings currently planned for Zoom meeting format:
 - 2.1 Tues., Apr. 20, 6:30 Nehemiah Action via Zoom
 - 2.2 Tues., June 8, 6:30 Celebration
- 3 Faithful Citizenship-no report
- 4 Food Collection for the Needy- being collected monthly. These items are delivered to Fern Creek/Highview ministries who distribute items to those in need who live in the 40218 zip code.
- 5 Respect Life-Respect Life News

Our parish will participate in the spiritual bouquet fundraiser this year. An announcement will be put in the bulletin. There will be two ways that parishioners can participate in the Spiritual Bouquet:

On-line prior to Mother's Day - Individuals can click on a link in the bulletin to complete a form with mother's name, address, special note, etc. We will mail a beautiful custom card to their mother (if living) mentioning the Mass offered for them by Archbishop Kurtz.

In the back of church on Mother's Day - A kit will be supplied to the parish with the necessary items: Mothers' Day cards, table signage, and collection sheet for donations and mothers' names to be included in the Mass offering. The donor can then hand deliver a beautiful card to their mother.

The Baby Bottle Boomerang will take place in October.

- 6 Pattie Filley, Social Worker
 - 6.1 Social Concerns Ministry continues to provide help with basic utilities such as LG&E , Water and Kroger cards.. Pattie is continuing to network with Social workers at other Catholic churches to gather resources for assisting our client's needs.
 - 6.2 Due to the increased stress and anxiety brought on by the prolonged Pandemic Crisis, Pattie continue to offer individual or family counseling free to members of our parish family.
 - 6.3 Arrangements have been made to complete the Emergency Food Pantry.

6.4 The Grief Group will resume on May11- June 29 on the parish office porch. Pattie is working on an article for the Record about this program.

6.5 Worked with Sr. Ruth Ann to supply some hygiene products for the Dare To Care project. It was greatly appreciated by the families that attended.

6.6 Also, Pattie is working on getting the Dress for Success Program to reopen as soon as volunteers feel comfortable with resuming the collection and processing of the clothes.

7 Francis Center

(includes Art for MS and Cancer Victims, Survivors, and Caregivers; Family and Marriage Counseling, Food Truck, Francis Cooks, Golden Fitness, Kid's Cafe, Rock Steady Boxing, Senior Games, and Summer Tutoring)

7.1 -The Rock Steady Boxing program is going to start up on April 19, but the first couple of sessions are going to be on Zoom but conducted at BPBC.

7.2 -"Food Truck" which is provided by Dare to Care and is on campus (Hikes Lane) once a month (the 2nd Tuesday). This is well attended. Food is plentiful and there is a variety.

7.3 Currently negotiating a startup date for the Senior Exercise class and for the Summer Tutoring with Buechel Park Baptist Church, hoping to start both programs in June.

7.4 Has requested permission to resume Art classes in May.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Parkinson's Support Group-Currently meeting via Zoom; has semi-permanent space provided by Norton Hospital Inactive due to pandemic

Nursing Home Ministry-

Habitat for Humanity and Habitat for Humanity luncheons-

SVDP Open Hand Kitchen-

Dress for Success

Widows and Widowers

FORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTE Apr. 14, 2021

Attending: Chris Finzer, Karen Sullivan, Patsy Meyer, and Anne Bainbridge

Spring/Summer Activities discussion

- Patsy recommended that we try to include all demographics and that we avoid surveys. Instead of surveys, it is suggested that we talk to different people and people from

different demographics to get ideas about what they would like to learn about with regard to our faith.

- Personal invitations to events/activities important. It is the personal connections that pull people in and get them involved.
- Perhaps a ½ sheet of paper handed out at mass and on social media asking two or three questions such as, What do you want to know about your faith?, What times/days would be good for you?, etc.
 - Interested in learning more about your Catholic faith? What topics interest you?
Ex: reconciliation, Eucharist, Divine Mercy etc.
Just list them here.

Place in basket in back of church.

Another might be.

Ever wonder what another faith believes? What interests you?

Judaism

Islam

Greek Orthodox

- Keep it simple—perhaps one question on a paper every few weeks/months soliciting ideas about topics parishioners would like to see. Question could be coordinated with topic of future speakers.
- Fr. Peter has ideas for speakers once the pandemic is over.
- Possible topic might religions of the world.
- Another possible topic might be Catholic teachings on various issues such as racism, immigration, etc. This could be done in conjunction with the Faithful Citizenship committee. Short bit of information about issue could be published in the bulletin or as a handout periodically.

Other ideas that might be considered by Parish Council, Committee of Five, or Parish Plan for Ministry and Service committee

- How can we involve young people in the parish? Faith in Action is so important to involving young people. Hand in Hand trips.
- Ways of overcoming prejudice/racism or broadening our perspectives: Religions of World topic for speakers or class; also next idea—could help us appreciate other denominations or groups if we select a non-Catholic parish or a parish that is primarily a different race
- Sister parishes-We could invite parishioners to attend a service at a sister parish and invite them to attend one of our services.
- “Appreciation masses”--invite a specific group such as police to attend with a potluck afterwards. This would also be a good way to get to know some of the immigrants living in our neighborhoods.

Change in leadership

Chris encouraged members of committee to consider becoming chairperson and to run for Parish Council. He will be rolling off Parish Council after many years, but will remain active in the Formation Committee. There will be announcements about need for new Parish Councilors from the pulpit and in the bulletin. Chris also encouraged members to ask others to consider running for Parish Council.

**Next meeting will be
May 12 at 6:30 p.m.**

CLOUT NEHEMIAH ACTION REPORT 4-21-21

Over 1,500 people attended via Zoom.

Three solutions on Police-Community relations were proposed: establishment of a non-police response unit composed of professionals that would respond to problems involving mental illness, homelessness, domestic disputes and school behavior, opening a crisis center similar to the Living Room program implemented several years ago but discontinued due to funding difficulties, and implementing a “truth and transformation” process similar to ones used in other cities and in South Africa. A disappointment was that Police Chief Erika Shields did not attend. All were encouraged to call her and request that she meet with CLOUT. (574-8541 or 574-7660)Superintendent Marty Polio pledged to train the staff of 30 schools in Restorative Practice this summer and to train staff of 20 additional schools each year. CLOUT pushed for an additional \$40 million for affordable housing but was unable to get a commitment from any of the city council members in attendance. They did agree to pursue funding the Affordable Housing initiative. To help the elderly age in place, CLOUT and the Trager Institute plan to launch the “Flourish Village” this fall in the area codes of 40202 and 40203. The “Flourish Village” is designed to connect elderly with support in areas such as transportation and home repairs, etc.

- **BOOSTER CLUB BOARD: MEETING VIA ZOOM OR IN-PERSON WHEN APPROPRIATE.**

Booster Club Concessions: No report.

Children's Activities Committee:

I. CSAA Fun Meet will be held on the Goldsmith campus

A. Starts at 10 am on 5/8/21

B. Participants must be 4'th grade and under

C. \$7 fee

D. Athletes may participate in three of four of the following events: 60 yd dash, 75 yd dash, 220 yd dash or long jump

Fall Festival: In planning stage

Fish Fry:

I. Fantastic job done by the committee and volunteers for Lenten Fish Fry.

A. Thanks to our loyal patrons

B. \$11,531.63 raised

Photography Committee:

I. Volunteer photographers continue to do great on the assignments from the parish office

Fund Raising Committee:

I. Working on the details for the Super Raffle that will be drawn after the last Mass on 9/5/21.

Bunco/Games:

I. Delores is checking with members to see where they are on vaccinations and enthusiasm to start back.

Day Trips Around Kentuckiana, Seniors Dining Out and Young and Young at Heart are waiting for a safer environment before starting back.

Boy Scout Troop 243:

I. Meet regularly on Wednesday at 7pm in the Goldsmith Campus Community Center.

II. Young males 5th grade through high school are encouraged to check out the Troop.

Cub Scout Pack 243:

I. Meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at the Goldsmith Campus Community Center.

II. The Pack is open to boys and girls in kindergarten through 4th grade.

Girl Scouts:

I. Meeting regularly.

II. Earth Day Celebration (Family Fun Event).

A. Thursday 4/22/21.

B. Two times are available: 6:30pm and 7:30pm.

C. Virtual fun. Register at bit.ly/FANO421 or scan QR code found in the parish bulletin dated 4/18/21 on page 5.

D. Perfect event to learn about the Girl Scouts.

Phone Team Ministry:

I. One member will resign in June '21. The team will then have 10 members left. The team could use 2 to 3 more members, if you know anyone who might be interested please have them contact Aileen Sterett at 451-9872.

II. Stats for April:

contacted: 50

left messages: 16

III. Needs and concerns:

A. Two asked when we might have a second Mass on Sunday.

B. Five more parishioners would like to have bulletins delivered. We will now be delivering bulletins to 10 parishioners weekly.

C. Several said that they would submit the Listening form.

D. One name added to the Prayer list and two to the Card Writing ministry.

Peace, Jim
