

# St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

June 3, 2021

*(May meeting was rescheduled)*

*“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, Kathy DeLozier, Bella Fictola, Chris Finzer, Bob Goens, Faye Johnson, Erin Maguire-Osting, Sandy Moore, Mary Ridenour, and Jim Sinnott,

**Approval of April 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 has approved the budget for fiscal year 2021-22. Our collections for the entire pandemic year were only down about 1% from normal collections. We feel very fortunate that our parishioners continued to be generous during a very uncertain time. A new team of money counters has been appointed by Fr. Peter.
- **New Building Construction:** submitted by Tim Buckley, ([tbuckley21@earthlink.net](mailto:tbuckley21@earthlink.net)) No new information since last meeting.
- **Formation Committees:** submitted by Chris Finzer, ([cfinzer@hotmail.com](mailto:cfinzer@hotmail.com)) Religious education has finished for the year and will restart with the new school year. Fr. Peter, in conjunction with the pastor of St. Bartholomew, is looking for a full-time youth minister. The youth from each parish would combine, and the salary for the youth minister would be split between the parishes. A new book study, *Our Sisters the Saints*, is being offered this summer beginning in mid-June. Father’s Day activities and prayers were discussed, but the committee will look for faith formation for couples. The committee would like to create an online resource on Catholic Social Justice teaching.

- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott, ([jhsinnott3@yahoo.com](mailto:jhsinnott3@yahoo.com)) The Children's Activity Committee wrapped up with challenging and fulfilling activities to celebrate the end of the school year. A fall festival is in the planning stages. The Bunco and Games committee is looking to gear back up as the end of the pandemic is in sight. The day trips around Kentuckiana is planning to offer trips beginning in the fall. The committee can work with TARC to offer five trips per year throughout Jefferson County. We had a transportation permit granted in January 2020, and we hope that TARC will - extend it since it was not used during the pandemic. Forty-eight people were contacted directly through our phone ministry, and messages were left with another 20 people.
- **Social Concerns:** submitted by Anne Bainbridge ([abain52bridge@twc.com](mailto:abain52bridge@twc.com)) The card-writing committee has continued sending cards to home-bound parishioners. CLOUT will hold its annual celebration on June 8. Food items collected during monthly food drives are shared with Fern Creek/Highview Ministries. We also have an emergency food pantry on campus. A baby-bottle boomerang will take place in October. Our grief group will resume in-person meetings in May and June. There was an article in the Record about this ministry. The Dress-for-Success program will resume in July. The Dare to Care food truck is very well-attended on the second Tuesday of each month.
- **Worship:** submitted by Faye Johnson ([fjohnson446@aim.com](mailto:fjohnson446@aim.com)) A Sunday morning Mass at 10:30 will be added the weekend of June 5/6 due to COVID restrictions being lifted. Some of the musicians and choir members will begin leading music worship twice a month for the summer. The list of current worship ministers (hospitality, Eucharistic, and lectors) is being reviewed and updated. Deacon Jim McGoff will begin training new altar servers this summer. This is open to students in grades 5-8.

**Parish Plan for Ministries and Services:** The planning committee has begun meeting to create goals for the parish for the next 3-5 years. Once they have the goals articulated, they will submit to the parish council for approval. From there, action steps will be formulated in conjunction with our standing committees. There will be a "word cloud" in the bulletin using words that our parishioners offered about the parish. The bigger the word in the word cloud, the more often it was cited as important to our parish.

**Fundraising Committee:** The parish will conduct a raffle to give away up to \$20,000.00 on September 5. This amount is contingent on selling 2000 tickets at \$20.00 apiece. If fewer tickets than this are sold, the total amount collected will be split between the winner and the parish. We are looking for several sponsors to defray the cost of the tickets, and there was a suggestion to ask each parish organization to solicit \$5.00 from members to have our organizations help sponsor the tickets. Fr. Peter would like to have a Bourbon Festival in the fall, but the council felt this was too ambitious for this year. However, after our meeting, there

was a discussion via email about having a mini-brewfest before September 5 to help sell raffle tickets. The council was enthusiastic about this idea, so more information will be forthcoming.

**Election/Selection Committee:** Only one name has been submitted for new membership on the council, but there are four openings. Father Peter will talk about this very important ministry from the pulpit on June 5/6.

**New Business:** Fr. Peter will formally recognize several donors who gave very generously during the past year.

The council discussed the need for someone to write for and submit grants to cover the costs of some parish ministries. The parish council approved the budget as proposed by the finance committee with a motion to pass made by Anne Bainbridge and seconded by Jim Sinnot.

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 7:48 with a prayer. The next meeting will be June 24 at 6:30 in the Lincoln room of the Hikes Campus.

*Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier*