

## St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

August 26, 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 with prayer shared by Fr. Peter.

**Attending:** Fr. Peter Do, Dan Amlung, Terry Becker, Anne Bainbridge, Kathy DeLozier, Bob Goens, John Johnson (for Frank Hulsman) , Elaine Kennedy, Sandy Moore, Jim Sinnott, and Rob Tichy

**Introducing New Parish Council Members:** Four parishioners have been selected to help guide our parish. Each will serve a three-year term. They are: Dan Amlung (Social Concerns), Terry Becker (formation), Elaine Kenney (Seniors) and Rob Tichy (Young Adults).

**Approval of May Minutes:** had been done via email.

**Committee Reports:** (for further information, contact the committee chairs via email.)

- **Administration Committees:** submitted by Frank Hulsman The Hikes Lane property should close on December 12. We are looking at what we can sell (furniture) and what must remain with the property. Someone has purchased the old organ, and it has been removed. Religious artifacts must be disposed of according to respectful protocols. The exterior of the Goldsmith Lane property has been cleaned, and the new parish life center will match the current exterior. Frank Hulsman, Tom Wargel and Jack Kastenschmidt have designed a storage garage and we are ready to take bids on construction of it.
- **New Building Construction:** submitted by Frank Hulsman; The concrete slab for floor was poured on 8/26, but current plan is about 4 ½ weeks behind schedule. Steel should begin going up on 8/30. Even though they are behind schedule, the final inspections are slated for November 23 and the completed punch list is scheduled for December 28. We cannot move in until then.
- **Formation Committees:** no report

- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott ([jsinnott3@yahoo.com](mailto:jsinnott3@yahoo.com)) The phone ministry continues, and this quarter over 60 people were contacted and many others received messages from the parish. We will have a Harvest Homecoming on November 6 from 5-11. This event will reach out to any graduate or former teacher from St. Pius, St. Barnabas, St. Bartholomew, and St. John Paul. There will be food, cake booths, raffle baskets, music, a beer garden and other fun activities. Kathaleen Riggs is organizing a parish craft fair on September 18 from 9:00-2:00. There are currently 22 vendors who have agreed to sell their wares. Volunteers for the cake wheel are needed. The Louisville Vax Clinic will be on site, along with representatives from Catholic Charities who will explain their Soup and Bread program. All profits from the craft fair will go to the general parish budget.
- **Social Concerns:** submitted by Anne Bainbridge ([abain52bridge@twc.com](mailto:abain52bridge@twc.com)) Working on sending cards to college-bound parishioners, and continue sending cards to parishioners, with help from the school children. CLOUT worked with Metro Council to amend the city budget to use the Network for Safe Communities to improve the relationship between police and the community. Habitat for Humanity is active on the fourth Saturday of the month through October. We provide workers for St. Vincent DePaul Open Hand kitchen the first Wednesday of each month. Dress for Success is active again and the drive was very successful. Eight parishioners helped collect, sort and deliver. This ministry will operate seasonally – July, October, January, and April. The ability to help families with Kroger cards, monthly food collections, and utility support continues through the parish social worker (Pattie Filley). Ministries through the Francis Center continue. Buechel Park Baptist Church runs a senior nutrition program that is open to all seniors regardless of economic status.
- **Worship:** submitted by Faye Johnson ([fjohnson446@aim.com](mailto:fjohnson446@aim.com)) Diana Cotton and Sharon Hibbs are scheduling all ministers for Masses. We have a need for more ministers at all Masses. Attendance is down a bit at Masses, but this is “normal” for summer worship. Curt Meyer –our returning Youth Minister – will work to get more youth involved in Mass ministries.

**Parish Plan for Ministries and Service:** The committee met the week of August 15 and is currently working on parish objectives. They need two more meetings to complete the objectives and will then begin working on action steps. The goals they proposed have been published on our website.

**Fundraising Committee:** Ticket sales for our parish raffle have been steady, but we will not make our goal of selling enough to give away \$20,000.00. We will split the amount collected (currently over \$18,000) with a lucky winner on September 5 after the 9:00 Mass. We are awaiting a check from the food truck who served our July Fun Night.

**Election of Parish Council Officers:** Ann Bainbridge will serve for one year as chair; Bob Goens will serve as co-chair, and Kathy DeLozier will continue as secretary.

**New Business:** We briefly discussed how to promote our current ministries to the parish, and we will continue that discussion at our September meeting. Father Peter requested that all parish council members attend the 9:00 Mass on September 5 for a special blessing of the council before the drawing for our raffle.

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 7:29 with a prayer. The next meeting will be September 23 at 6:30 in the Lincoln room of the Hikes Campus.

*Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier*