

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

September 23, 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 with prayer offered by Fr. Peter.

Attending: Fr. Peter Do, Dan Amlung (via zoom), Terry Becker, Anne Bainbridge, Kathy DeLozier, Bob Goens, Frank Hulsman, Faye Johnson, Elaine Kennedy, Erin Osting-Maguire (via zoom) Sandy Moore, Jim Sinnott, and Rob Tichy

Introducing New Parish Council Members: Ryan Clements will represent youth and Tim Davis will represent the school board on the parish council beginning in October.

Approval of May 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) Bids for construction of the storage garage should come in during October, although it is difficult to get contractors to submit bids. A team of 3-4 money counters is needed for counting the collections after Masses three months of the year. These teams are appointed by Fr. Peter.
- **Formation Committees:** no report
- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott (jhsinnott3@yahoo.com) The Children’s Activity Committee is working with the Harvest Homecoming Committee to support children’s activities at the November 6 event. Patsy Meyer has assumed the chairwoman role for the photography committee and has a dedicated and productive team. Boy Scouts Troop 243 will host an All-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 3. They will accept donations to support their High Adventures Camp. The troop currently has 26 members, and John Warren recently completed his Eagle Scout rank. The troop celebrated its 51st anniversary at Camp Crooked Creek. The troop also attended the Bishop Flaget Trail, an annual camping trip hosted by the Archdiocese.

Our cub scouts, Pack 243, have been reactivated and serves 11 members in grades K-4. Girl scouts have been meeting every Sunday. The phone team has begun working on Quarter 4 (team members should make phone calls each quarter of the year).

- **Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung (amlungdan@gmail.com) The card writing committee is working on a pen-pal group between students at JPIIA and parishioners in nursing homes. Kurt Meyers would like physical addresses for parishioners in college to keep in touch with them. CLOUT is working on many issues – Restorative Practices in JCPS, Mental Illness and Addiction, Affordable Housing, and Aging in Place. An associate organizer, Asia Lavender, joined the CLOUT staff. She hopes to conduct 100 one-on-one interviews at her assigned congregations, including John Paul II. Our parish team members are Mike Kolb, Chris Finzer, Irene McKiernan, Susan Smith, Carissa Jury, and Tim Buckley. They will conduct house meetings from August 31-October 10, many via zoom. These meetings will culminate in a new issue being introduced to the wider community on October 25. Faithful Citizenship will provide short bulletin announcements about Catholic Social Teaching in conjunction with our formation committee. Monthly collections of food and money for those in need continue. Plans for Thanksgiving baskets have begun and will be announced in mid-October. Respect Life walked on September 19 and collected donations to raise awareness for Kentucky Right to Life. October is Respect Life month. There will be a prayer display and special prayers in the bulletin. There will be a Baby Bottle collection to raise money for Little Way Pregnancy Center. Parish Social Services Patti Filley has begun collecting names for the sharing and caring tree. Grief Recovery Programs have begun, with one planned especially for dealing with grief at the holiday season.
- **Worship Committees:** submitted by Faye Johnson (fjohnson446@aim.com) The parish staff has begun preparation for holiday Masses. They have finalized dates for all Masses between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Alex Gordon, the keyboardist at the 4:30 and 10:30 Masses is moving at the end of September. Chris is working on finding a replacement. Our dedicated sacristans do a great job setting up the church for all weekend Masses. There are several weddings scheduled in our church.

Parish Plan for Ministries and Service: Patti Vance, Sr. Justina, and Anne Bainbridge met on September 18. The goals for the committee are almost finalized. There will be three meetings (September 29 and 30, and October 1) in the church for members of each committee in the parish to begin writing action steps.

Fundraising Committee: Our parish netted \$12,600 from the recent split the pot raffle. The Arts and Crafts Bazaar netted a profit of \$810.00. It was well-organized and well-supported.

Fall Festival: November 6, 5:00-11:00 Melissa Goens reports that her committee has big plans for an all-class reunion called Harvest Homecoming. There will be food concessions, a beer garden, music, a wheel to win sweets, volleyball, fire pits, and children's activities. The volleyball games will pit students who graduated from St. Pius against students who graduated from St. Barnabas, and students who graduated from St. Bartholomew against students who graduated from St. John Paul II. The entire Goldsmith Lane campus will be used for the event, and volunteers will help those who are handicapped navigate the campus. All parking will be in the front of the campus so no one needs to cross Goldsmith Lane. The committee hopes to run a shuttle bus to the Hikes Lane campus to tour the old St. Barnabas School one last time. There will be a sign-up sheet via Sign-up Genius; many volunteers are needed. The event will be heavily advertised on social media, the Record, and flyers at area businesses. It was suggested that the Facebook group "If you grew up in Hikes Point" is a great vehicle to get out our invitation.

Finance: Sandy Moore presented a year-end (June 30, 2021) summary of our parish finances. This will be included in parish bulletin and online. We finished the year in the black. Collections were down slightly, but many expenses were also down due to COVID. Our parish was able to receive forgiveness of the federal PPE loan.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:40 with a prayer. The next meeting will be October 21 (**third Thursday**) at 6:30 in the Lincoln room of the Hikes Campus. The November meeting will also be on the third Thursday, and there is no meeting scheduled in December.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier