

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

October 21, 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 offered by Fr. Peter.

Attending: Fr. Peter Do, Dan Amlung, Terry Becker, Anne Bainbridge, Ryan Clements (via zoom), Tim Davis, Kathy DeLozier, Chuck Lynch for Frank Hulsman, Elaine Kennedy, Erin Osting-Maguire (via zoom) Sandy Moore, and Rob Tichy

Approval of September 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)
There are four teams (total of 14 volunteers) who participate in God’s Housekeepers. The church is cleaned every two weeks. The steel beam signed by parishioners has been placed, and construction continues apace. The building should be substantially complete by late December. Framing will be completed soon, and exterior sheeting and roof decking will begin within two weeks. Grading on the site is in progress. Many of the appliances from the Hikes Lane campus can be brought to the new PLC. Parish staff is looking for a moving company. The main access to the building will be via key cards to be issued for one-time events or for regular users. The committee received three bids for the new garage (out of 8 which were solicited). Bids ranged from \$76,000 to \$150,000. The closing for the sale of the Hikes Lane campus should be completed by December 12.
- **Formation Committees:** There is no speaker scheduled for Advent due to ongoing COVID concerns; however, the committee hopes to have a speaker during Lent. There will be a QR code in the bulletin during Advent that will link to meditations and lists of resources. The committee is still exploring service projects for groups in our parish to undertake. One promising idea is to create Lifeline, a joint project with St. Bart’s to supply food to those in critical need. The Faithful Citizenship committee will provide

information about the seven precepts of Catholic social teaching and opportunities for parishioners to become involved in these areas. Look to the bulletin over the next seven months (emphasis on one issue per month) for information from the USCCB and local action steps.

- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott (jhsinnott3@yahoo.com) The new Welcome Committee contacted seven new or returning families to our parish. The Children's Activity committee is working with the Harvest Homecoming Festival scheduled for November 6 from 5:00-11:00 on the Goldsmith campus. The scouts are working on their cooking and pioneer merit badges. The troop will be going camping, hiking, biking, and target shooting at "Never Ending Summer". The troop will also be collecting food from houses who received a sticker. This project is for area food banks and will take place on Saturday, November 20. As always, both the boy scouts and cub scout welcome new troop members. The girl scouts will participate in the Festival for the Arts and a camping trip. They are currently selling candy and magazines to raise funds for the troop. The Parish Phone team made 18 contacts over the past month and were able to pass information to the parish about parishioners who needed help.
- **Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung (amlungdan@gmail.com) Pastoral care for homebound is still limited by COVID, but a few parishioners are able to receive Communion visitations. The Respect Life committee put up a display in church, offered prayer cards, solicited donations for Little Way Pregnancy Resource Center, and have a few members who will participate in 40 Days for Life. There will be a collection of Socks for St. Nicholas, and dates will be announced soon. Collection dates for Thanksgiving Baskets will begin the bulletin beginning October 23. Some of the food in our current pantry will supplement what is collected so that all food stored at the Hikes Lane campus can be removed before the parish offices move. The food will be collected until November 14. Patti Filley is working on Christmas baskets. There are 8 volunteers who sort clothes for Dress for Success. Patti hopes to offer a grief session dealing with surviving the holidays. CLOUT conducted six house meetings and 49 people are committed to being a Justice Ministry Network Member. JP11 has more members than any of the 21 congregations who participate in CLOUT. Three issues to be considered this year are Community Violence, Health, and Economic Justice.
- **Worship Committees:** submitted by Faye Johnson (fjohnson446@aim.com) No report this month.
- **Environmental Committee:** Patsy Meyer has asked to create a new parish committee under the auspices of Social Concerns that would deal with environmental issues.

Parish Plan for Ministries and Service: Patty Vance and Anne Bainbridge met with 25 parishioners to discuss action steps aligned with our parish's goals and objectives. The committee will present to parish council at the November council meeting on November 18.

Afghani refugee outreach: Elaine Hulsman presented a proposal to the council regarding Catholic Charities' outreach to refugees. She, Donna Kenney and Sr. Ruth Ann Haunz attended a meeting with Catholic charities and subsequently reached out to Hikes Point churches. As a result St. John Paul will be working cooperatively with St. Martha, Buechel Park Baptist Church, St. Paul Episcopal Church, and St. Andrew Church of Christ to educate all congregations about this urgent need. Help is needed to resettle refugees who could be coming from Afghanistan, Congo, Haiti, or Cuba. The five churches may be asked to prepare at least two apartments for families being resettled to Louisville. Financial donations can be made directly to Catholic Charities. A suggestion was made to have Chris Clements offer a refugee simulation for parishioners to help us better understand the process of entering the US as a refugee.

Promotion of Current Ministries: The council has discussed ways to invigorate parishioners and the community collectively centered on our many ministries. We decided to feature various ministries in the bulletin and include information about the scope of the ministry, a contact person, and a time commitment. However, we know that this is not enough, and so we began a discussion to host a Festival of Ministries to coincide with the dedication of our new Parish Life Center in late January. In the meantime parish council liaisons should reach out to chairs to ask that they send in information for the bulletin announcements and to think about whom we could recruit to chair the Festival of Ministries.

Finance: Chuck Lynch reported that the parish received a \$2,000.00 rebate from our bulletin company because ad revenue was higher than expected.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:30 with a prayer. The November meeting will be on the third Thursday, November 18 at 6:30. There is no meeting scheduled in December.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier