

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

November 18, 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, Tim Davis, Frank Hulsman, Elaine Kennedy, Erin Osting-Maguire (via zoom) Sandy Moore, and Rob Tichy

Approval of October 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)
The 2022 schedule for God’s Housekeepers has been sent out to all members of the four teams who clean church on a bi-weekly basis.
- **Formation Committees:** submitted by Terry Becker (terrymarybecker@gmail.com)
There is a link to the Newman Center in our bulletin and online that will lead parishioners to Advent resources. Paper copies will be available in the back of church. Curt Meyer will investigate the feasibility of offering a Mass during which parts of the Mass are explained as they occur. Steve Angrisano, a liturgical musician and speaker, is scheduled to come to St. John Paul on March 25. There will be a \$15.00 per person cost for the evening. Sr. Martha Buser, OSU will speak to all prayer groups on December 9 at 6:30. The committee would like to offer a retreat open to all parishioners and one specifically for women. More information will be forthcoming.
- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott (jhsinnott3@yahoo.com) Many on the Booster Committee participated in the Harvest Homecoming. Fish Fries will begin again in Lent. Sally Lynch has returned to the photography committee, and more members are needed. The Young and Young at Heart group will have a Christmas Dinner on December 5 at St. Bartholomew. The group will collect donations for the St. John Men’s Center at their dinner. The Scouts collected food as part of their Scouting for Food campaign. The Cub Scouts will have their annual Pinewood Derby in November. The

phone team has reported that contacted parishioners are grateful for the live-streamed Masses. Approximately 60 people were contacted or received messages from the phone team.

- **Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung (amlungdan@gmail.com) Habitat for Humanity had their last organized build of the year on Cedar Street. The group will begin again in January. Mary Ridenour organized the Thanksgiving Baskets for Fern Creek United Ministries. In addition to a very generous amount of food collected, \$585.00 in gift cards was also donated. The food bank on the Hikes Lane parish is empty in preparation for the move. Once the building on Goldsmith is completed, the food pantry will open there. Pattie Filley has spoken to Catholic Charities about names for our Sharing and Caring Tree. All gifts should be UNWRAPPED this year. Gift cards for Walmart, JCPenny, and Kroger are greatly appreciated. The Dress for Success quarterly collection will take place on November 20 and 21, and the clothes will be delivered on November 23. There is an unusually large number of people who have requested food assistance. Pattie has purchased Kroger gift cards for those in need.
- **Worship Committees:** submitted by Faye Johnson (fjohnson446@aim.com) There will be a guest violinist at our Thanksgiving Mass who will accompany our choir. There are a total of seven baptisms scheduled for December – four at weekend liturgies (12/4 and 12/5) and three at a school Mass (12/15).

Anne Bainbridge wanted to Commend the building committee for all of their efforts. She also commended their efforts to use stained glass windows from our Hikes Ln church in the new Parish Life Center and their plans to use the smaller "Risen Christ" statue in the new Parish Life Center.

Anne announced that Kathy Delozier volunteered to coordinate and promote the Festival of Ministries. Currently we plan to hold the Festival of Ministries shortly after the new Parish Life Center is dedicated.

JP2 Academy: Anne Bainbridge reported that she took a fruit basket to the faculty and staff of JP2 Academy, from the parish council. The basket included a note expressing our appreciation and our hope that they and the Academy would continue for many years. Anne stated that the faculty and staff were appreciative.

We reviewed, revised and approved the **2021 Parish Plan for Ministries and Service.**

Discussions:

Goal 1, Objective 1, Action step a)

Institute modern livelier liturgical music

Question: Does this apply to specific masses, to the choir or to the creation of other music groups?

Answer: All masses. The worship director will be responsible for implementation, at their discretion.

Goal 1, Objective 1, Action step c)

Activate liturgy planning committee

Clarification: This committee will help the worship director.

Goal 1, Objective 3, Action step a)

Establish relationship with a sister parish

Clarification: Our hope is that this is a local parish where most members come from backgrounds different than most of our members.

Goal 1, Objective 4.

Concern: The action steps seem to be directed at youth, leaving out the young adults.

Resolution: Add "young adults" to action step d, and add an action step f) Access Archdiocesan resources to empower young adults to take a more active role in our parish.

Suggestion: The Archdiocese office of youth and young adults published a resource for involving these groups, titled "Office of Youth and Young Adults Agency Plan for 2020-2024. We should seek assistance from the office of youth and young adults and use this document as a resource.

Goal 3, Objective 2, Action step d)

Have a semi-annual service meal

Question: What does this refer to? Anne responded after going home and looking at her notes from the sessions with parishioners.

Answer: Referred to what used to be the senior lenten lunch and learn sessions (Goal 3 refers to life-long learning). Anne suggested action step d) be restated: Have a semi-annual meal with an informational speaker.

Goal 4, Objective 2

Challenge: When people sign up to help with various ministries they sometimes are not invited to become involved. We want all ministries / committees to be welcoming and open to new members. We decided to add an action step to address this:

"e) Expand participation in parish ministries to interested parishioners"

Goal 4, Objective 2, Action step d) Conduct a parish census

Comment: This is a very important action.

Suggestion: When people are contacted, lets also find out their preferred method of communication and enroll them into their preferred method.

Goal 5, Objective 2

Comment: The electronic sign, on Goldsmith Ln, should be used as a tool of parish

communication. Currently the school publishes notices to the display. Hopeful that once parish staff are based on Goldsmith Ln, in the Parish Life Center, parish staff will be able to post notices to the display.

Comment: Parish staff member Yvonne Riggs handles a lot of parish communications, the bulletin and the parish Facebook page. Ministries and communities should share more with Yvonne, so it can be communicated.

Goal 5, Objective 3 Explore fundraising avenues

Question: Is the Fish Fry a part of parish fundraising?

Answer: Yes, fish fry proceeds go into the parish general fund. The fish fry is led by volunteers associated with the boosters.

Goal 5, Objective 2, Action Step a) Maintain accurate reporting of finances semi-annually

Suggestion: We should include the parish savings account and capital expenditures in these reports.

Goal 5, Objective 2, Action Step c) Make use of texting notices and/or utilizing other apps to send important, timely notices to parishioners who "opt in"

Suggestion: We should consider apps like "Flock Note" or "Reach Alert".

Changes to the document

We agreed to make the following changes to the document:

Goal 1, Objective 3, Action step a)

Change "Adopt a sister parish"

To: Establish relationship with a sister parish

Objective 4, Action step d)

Change: Recruit youth for carrying out social events/programs

To: Recruit youth and young adults for carrying out social events/programs

Add action step f)

f) Access Archdiocesan resources to empower young adults to take a more active role in our parish.

Goal 4, Objective 2, Add Action step e)

e) Expand participation in parish ministries to interested parishioners

Goal 5, Objective 3

Change: Explore fundraising venues

To: Explore fundraising avenues

Add action step a) (moving the rest down)

a) Grow and develop the fundraising committee

Objective 4, Action step a)

Change: Create a "My Parish, My Home" Campaign

To: Create a campaign to promote St. John Paul II parish

The revised document is shared in its entirety in a separate document.

Additional News:

During the discussions, additional news was shared.

1. We will start using new worship books at the beginning of the new church year, the weekend of Nov. 27-28. These new books have the Sunday readings for the entire year, plus responsorial psalms for the weekday masses and music.
2. We plan to have Archbishop Kurtz dedicate and bless our new Parish Life Center after the 10:30 mass on Sunday, February 6, 2022.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 8:20 with a prayer offered by Jim Sinnott. There will be no meeting in December. Our next parish council meeting will be January 20 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier with help from Frank Hulsman