

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

March 24, 2022

"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 for peace offered by Fr. Peter.

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

Approval of February 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)
A spring clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, March 26. Primary focus will be pruning bushes and mulching landscaping. Wallitsch Nursery will provide the mulch. Churchill McGee (builders of PLC) promises the building will be ready for move-in the week after Easter. Volunteers are needed on Monday, April 18 to help move . The building will be blessed by our new archbishop on April 24 after he celebrates the 10:30 Mass. There was some storm damage from the March 18 storms. Two windows were broken, some roof trim and window casements were bent, and some of the exterior was gouged. Catholic Mutual insurance will cover the damage, but not for tree removal. Herman Wallitsch is seeking help for the tree removal.
- **Formation Committees:** submitted by Terry Becker (terrymarybecker@gmail.com)
Only 80 tickets have been sold to the Steve Agrisano event, and 250 tickets need to be sold to break even. The committee will make a big push to sell at fish fries and at Masses. Walking with Purpose will be offering a summer program. There are two men's Bible study groups meeting on Monday evenings with Deacon Jim McGoff and on Saturday mornings with Tom Kennedy. Curt is looking to provide another opportunity for men. New ideas discussed include offering a Bible study for youth, a yoga class, and even a yoga class tied to the Stations. Formation committee may be responsible for

some of the action steps listed in the Parish Plan for Ministries. As always, the parish is in need of new liturgical and formation ministers.

- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott (jhsinnott3@yahoo.com) Fish Fries continue until Good Friday, offering both lunch and dinner on Fridays. The fish fry committee can always use more volunteers. Girl Scouts are hoping to have cookies to sell at the last two fish fries. Due to supply chain issues, the cookies are very late this year. There are many upcoming events that will keep the photography committee busy! Plans for fundraising will be the main focus of the April parish council meeting. The social activities committee is hoping to offer an ice cream social with a possible dinner on June 4.
- **School Board Committee:** submitted by Tim Davis (tsdstar77@hotmail.com) no report this month
- **Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung (amlungdan@gmail.com) Respect Life committee will hold a prayer service at EMW for four hours on March 18 as part of the 40 Days for Life. Their next project is a collection for Mother's Day and Little Way Pregnancy Resource Center. Catholics at the Capitol heard from three lawmakers and was led in prayer by Bishop Bill Medley. All of Kentucky's bishops were present to push for laws based on Courage, Compassion, Civility and Calm. Issues addressed were the death penalty, the Education Opportunity Account Act, a bill that would allow police to temporarily remove firearms from a situation in which there are warnings of violence to self or others. Patsy Meyer met with Representative Josie Raymond, who represents District 31. Habitat for Humanity will continue working on several houses, and have worked on four that are nearly ready for occupancy. The list of parishioners who are homebound is being updated to assist our card-writing ministry. Dress for Success will be the weekend of March 25-26.
- **Worship Committees:** The choir held their first practice since COVID began. They are preparing for the Triduum services and Easter Vigil. They are also working on music for the new archbishop's visit on April 24. The Palm Sunday readings will be presented in a different format this year.

Festival of Ministries: The Festival of Ministries will be held on May 1 in the new Parish Life Center. All ministries that are part of St. John Paul II will be represented in some way, including the parish council (administration, formation, parish life, social concerns, and worship), school and youth group. Representatives from our many ministries will be available for information, and there will be committee chairs helping to sign up interested people for our many, many ministries and activities.

Parish Plan for Ministries and Services: The council read over the committee work for the Parish Plan. We tweaked some wording and changed some start/end dates for some of the

ideas that were put forth by parishioners. There was some discussion as to which committees would be responsible for ensuring the success of the action steps. Suggestions given by council:

- Can we include churches with whom our Academy students are affiliated in our outreach to area churches?
- Is this a good time to revive Francis Cooks in order to both welcome new parishioners and offer healthy food to some of our homebound parishioners?
- Should we consider starting a technology committee or hiring a dedicated staff member to manage all the many ways we use technology at the parish? Can this position be shared among neighboring churches?
- Should many of the new ministries suggested be considered “ongoing” rather than a one-time offering?
- How can the parish administrative assistants work with volunteers so that we can better reach parishioners?

Fundraising Committees: The parish council meeting in April will be dedicated to fundraising for the upcoming fiscal year. Because of the extensive up-front work involved in hosting a brew fest, that event has been cancelled for July 16, 2022. We hope to revive it in 2023.

New Business: none

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 8:15 with a prayer offered by Anne. The next meeting will be on **April 21** at 6:30 in the new Parish Life Center. **NOTE: This is the third Thursday instead of the fourth Thursday of the month.**

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier