

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

August 25, 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 unofficially began with dinner and prayer at 6:00 offered by Fr. Peter.

Attending: Fr. Peter Do, Dan Amlung, Anne Bainbridge, Terry Becker, Ashley Curry, Tim Davis, Kathy DeLozier, Maria Frank, Frank Hulsman, Faye Johnson (via zoom) Elaine Kennedy, Sandy Moore, Jim Sinnott, and Rob Tichy

Approval of May Minutes: had been done via email.

Introduction of New Members: Two of the three new council members attended the meeting – Maria Frank and Ashley Curry. Each will serve a three-year term.

New Committee Assignments: Anne Bainbridge will continue as chair, and Rob Tichy will serve as co-chair. Kathy DeLozier will continue as secretary. Maria Frank has agreed to be the liaison to the formation committees. Terry Becker will switch from formation liaison to worship liaison. Dan Amlung will continue as liaison to the social concerns committees and Jim Sinnott will once again be the liaison to the parish life committees.

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

- **Administration Committees:** submitted by Kathy DeLozier (delozier.kathy@gmail.com)
A week after the archbishop blessed the building on April 24, the staff moved into the offices. The city building inspector found a few issues and agreed to give the parish six months to address them. There are currently no items left on the list of corrections that needed to be done. Building Committee would like to host another open house to show off the fully completed center. In total, the cost of the building (\$2,067,026.00) was just 1.4% over budget. The new storage garage needs a second coat of paint in the fall, but in the meantime the parish and scouts have been able to use it. Meiner’s Electric has begun the installation of new LED lights for the parking lot. The flat roof entrances to the school and church are leaking. The gutters on the backside of the

community center need to be replaced. Highland Roofing has signed a contract to do both repairs. The sale of the Hikes Lane property was finalized for \$2,800,000.00. After realtor commissions and other fees, we received \$2,620,000. The buildings on the site have been demolished, but the church and school cornerstones have been salvaged and are being stored in the new garage. There may be a “time capsule” in the school cornerstone.

- **Formation Committee:** submitted by Terry Becker (terrymarybecker@gmail.com) Walking with Purpose begins in September and will run for nine weeks in the fall and then again in the spring. Kathaleen Riggs is planning a women’s retreat with the theme “Are You Hungry for Change?” The committee is looking at resources for Lent, 2023, and is previewing a Stations of the Cross focused on the sin of racism. The resource for this is available on the USCCB website. RCIA begins in September. We have one participant, and are hoping for more.
- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott (jhsinnott3@yahoo.com) The Welcoming Committee made contact with five new families in July. One family joined the parish because of our Kids’ Café. The Children’s Committee will be involved in the Fall Festival and with JCPIIA’s extracurricular events. Melissa Goens will chair the Fall Festival, which will be held on October 22 after the 4:30 Mass. The Cub Scouts will manage the chili booth at the festival. Super Raffle tickets will be sold until 9:00 PM that evening. The goal for this event is to clear \$500.00. The parish will host a fish fry on Friday, October 14 offering a limited menu. The Seniors Dining Out has returned to monthly meetings. The next one will be held at Olive Garden on September 13 at 4:00. Patsy Meyer has secured a “Day on the Town’ bus for parish senior activities. The Phone Team ministry has recommitted for another year to make contact with parishioners over the age of 70. Finally, Mike Seigel is planning a series of Saturday Speakeasies beginning in late fall.
- **School Board Committee:** submitted by Tim Davis (tsdstar77@hotmail.com) no report this month
- **Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung (amlungdan@gmail.com) Habitat for Humanity worked on a house on North 43rd Street and will begin a new location on August 27. The quarterly Dress for Success was very successful. We are holding clothing from this drive to be given to flood victims in Eastern Kentucky. The next Dress for Success will be in November. Our food pantry received requests for assistance all summer. We generally supply cereal, canned meat, vegetables, snacks for children, laundry detergent and soap. The monthly food collection is held the first Sunday of the month.
- **Worship Committees:** no report this month.

Fundraising Committees: The bulk of this meeting was again devoted to discussions about fundraising. After the May meeting, council had decided to hold our Super Raffle and Fall Festival (10/22), Craft Fair (10/8), Fish Fry (10/14, Super Bowl party (2/12/23) and a Brew Fest in Summer, 2023. Parish council members have been selling chances for the Split the Pot raffle each Sunday at all Masses. Tim Davis, Terry Becker and Frank Hulsman will sell tickets at the August 28 Back to School Bash. We will also sell at St. Bart's on October 8, 9, 15, and 16. In addition, we will make a push to reach school families by selling at dismissal on September 29 and October 6.

After much discussion, the council decided that our craft fair would not be feasible this year. Very few vendors had agreed to sell, and time is quickly approaching. Ashley Curry and Kathy DeLozier will work on organizing a craft fair for early October, 2023. The seven vendors who had agreed to be with us on October 8 will be invited to our October 14 fish fry and their vendor fee will be refunded.

New Business: Elaine Kennedy introduced a novel concept of matching senior citizens from our parish with students from St. X and Sacred Heart Academy. Two students will be invited to speak at Masses and give information about the project and see if any of our parishioners are interested in beginning a friendship with a young adult.

Mike Seigel will chair a new experience: Saturday Speakeasies! The event will be for adults and offer bottled drinks, food, music, fun and games. Tickets will be sold in advance. The date for the inaugural speakeasy is November 14.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 8:00 with a prayer. The next meeting will be on September 22 at 6:30 in the Parish Life Center.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier