

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

September 22, 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 began with prayer at 6:35.

Attending: Dan Amlung, Anne Bainbridge, Terry Becker, Ashley Curry, Kathy DeLozier, Maria Frank (via zoom), Elaine Kennedy, Heather MeyersSandy Moore, Jim Sinnott (via zoom), and Rob Tichy.

Approval of May Minutes: had been done via email.

New Youth Representative: Devin Clements has been appointed the new youth rep to the council.

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

- **Administration Committees:** submitted by Kathy DeLozier (delozier.kathy@gmail.com) no report this month
- **Formation Committee:** submitted by Maria Frank (maria.frank@lge-ku.com) no report this month
- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott (jsinnott3@yahoo.com) The Scouts will host an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on October 9 from 9:00 AM until noon. In addition, the cub scouts will be hosting the chili supper at the Fall Festival on October 22. The Games and Card Games club has begun meeting again. St. John Paull II will hold a fish fry on Friday, October 14 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. Tickets for the super-raffle will be sold at the event. The Phone Team ministry continues to reach out to parishioners over the age of 70. The Filipino community will host their Filipino Fiesta in the community center on Saturday, September 24, but the event is quickly outgrowing the size of our center. The welcoming committee is up-to-date on meeting with new parishioners.
- **School Board Committee:** submitted by Tim Davis (tsdstar77@hotmail.com) no report this month

- **Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung (amlungdan@gmail.com) The Respect Life committee collected \$250.00 after Masses for Right to Life. Since October is Respect Life month, the committee will create prayer displays and information boards in the back of church. Faithful Citizenship is preparing information on voting early and on absentee voting. The Environmental Committee shared Pope Francis's message about our relationship with all creation during the Season of Creation (September 1-October 4). The committee is also sponsoring recycling of electronics on Saturday, October 8. A list of accepted items for recycling will be in the bulletin. St. John Paul II will provide lunches for Habitat for Humanity volunteers on October 22. The Card Writing Committee keeps in touch with parishioners celebrating milestone birthday starting at age 70; for bereavement; for the homebound or those in nursing homes; and for active duty military. There will be a special card sent to all those recipients to celebrate the feast day of St. John Paul II.
- **Worship Committees:** submitted by Terry Becker (terrymarybecker@gmail.com) no report this month.

Tandem Program: Elaine Kennedy organized a zoom call in for two high school seniors, Adrianna and Lorenzo Martinelli, who spearheaded a program whereby high school students and archdiocesan senior citizens are paired together to spend 30 minutes a week in conversation. Since June, 2021, the organization has been implemented in two states and has provided over 700 phone calls. Archdiocesan high school students who are interested in the program are screened and then recommended by the service coordinator at each high school. The Martinellis are excited to offer the program to seniors at John Paul beginning this fall. Parish Council unanimously approved adding this program to our ministries.

Reports from Fundraising Committees: The bulk of this meeting was again devoted to discussions about fundraising. As of September 22, we had sold \$17,620 toward our ultimate goal of \$40,000 in collections and a \$20,000 prize.

Plans are underway for a fish fry on Friday, October 14. Menu will not be as extensive as our weekly Lenten fish fries, but we evaluate the feasibility of holding monthly fish fries depending on the success of this one. It will be advertised on social media (JP II facebook page and website, If You Grew Up in Hikes Point facebook page, and bulletin. Jackie Graves will chair this event.

The Fall Festival is a major event on October 22 immediately following the 4:30 Mass. The Cub Scouts will provide chili, and there will be a booth for snacks. Beer, cider, and soft drinks will be available. There will be many opportunities for children including face painting, pumpkin

painting, a ring toss and a duck pond. Parishioners will be asked to donate cakes for the cake wheel. Two gambling opportunities – 50/50 split the pot and Showdown Poker will be available for adults. In addition, depending on the weather, there can be fire pits and music. The event will culminate with the Super Raffle drawing. There needs to be lots of advertising for this event. Melissa Goens, Frank Hulsman, Sharon Hibbs, and Jim Sinnott will chair this event.

A new event for adults only, a Saturday Night Speakeasy, will be held on November 5 from 7:00-10:00 in the community center. A large screen television will be set up to show a football game, cornhole boards will be set up around the perimeter of the gym, drawings for cash prizes will take place, and food will be provided. The price of admission is \$10.00 per person and will include a drink tickets and a chance for one of the three cash prizes. Workers are needed for this event. Mike Seigel and Anne Bainbridge will chair this event.

Another new event, a Super Bowl party will take place on February 12. More details will be forthcoming. Frank and Elaine Hulsman will chair this event.

The arts and crafts fair that was cancelled for this October has been rescheduled for October 14, 2023. Ashley Curry will chair this event, and has reached out to St. Gabriel for guidance on running a successful event. We are soliciting names of potential vendors, and we will reach out to them next spring to invite them to participate in our fair.

Super Raffle, 2023 will kick off at the Super Bowl party and conclude right after Easter. We will still aim to give away half of what we collect up to \$20,000. Tickets will be sold at all six fish fries and perhaps after Masses.

New Business: Stewardship Sunday will be November 14, and the parish will conduct a drive to invite all parishioners to participate in ministries. While there is a paper form that will be distributed at Masses, Ashley Curry suggested an electronic form as well. The council discussed having several videos created by parish staff or volunteers to email to parishioners to explain the process and encourage participation. It was suggested that since the academy has a video studio we solicit student volunteers to record the videos during October.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:50 with a prayer. The next meeting will be on October 27 at 6:30 in the Parish Life Center.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier