

## St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

October 27, 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 6:33.

**Attending:** Dan Amlung, Anne Bainbridge, Devin Clements, Ashley Curry, Tim Davis, Kathy DeLozier, Maria Frank, John Johnson (for Frank Hulsman), Elaine Kennedy, Heather Meyers, Sandy Moore, Jim Sinnott, 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](mailto:delozier.kathy@gmail.com)) no report this month
- **Formation Committee:** submitted by Maria Frank ([maria.frank@lge-ku.com](mailto:maria.frank@lge-ku.com)) no report this month
- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott ([jhsinnott3@yahoo.com](mailto:jhsinnott3@yahoo.com)) All scouts have been busy this month and through the fall! Boy scouts have worked on Rifle Shooting badge, Citizen in Community badge, and will work on automotive maintenance. They have camped at Tunnell Mill and will go again to the Red River Gorge and hold a lock-in. The boy scouts also parked cars for a U of L game, held a pancake breakfast and will participate in Scouting for Food. The cub scouts fed chili to everyone at the parish Fall Festival. The Girl Scouts attended the Festival of the Arts. The older girls are working in two areas – College Knowledge and Photography, and the younger girls are working on their Silver Award for community service. All fundraising reports are listed below in the minutes. The phone team contacted 25 parishioners and left 52 messages this month.
- **School Board Committee:** submitted by Tim Davis ([tsdstar77@hotmail.com](mailto:tsdstar77@hotmail.com)) no report this month

- **Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung ([amlungdan@gmail.com](mailto:amlungdan@gmail.com)) The Respect Life committee put up displays and offered pamphlets during the month of October. They also collected money for the Little Way Pregnancy Center. Our electronic recycling drive was very successful and resulted in over 5000 pounds of electronics being kept out of dumpsters. Our Faithful Citizenship committee has information on absentee ballots in the back of church. JPPII will collect clothing on 11/5 and 11/6 to benefit St. Martha Catholic Church in Prestonsburg, KY –an area hard hit by devastating floods last summer. Elaine and Frank Hulsman will deliver the clothing donated by our parishioners. Our Dress for Success committee will need help on Tuesday, November 8 at 10:30 in the Parish Life Center to sort the donations received. Thanksgiving basket donations have begun and will last from October 29-November 13. Gift cards can be donated as well as food items. Feast Day cards were sent to all parishioners who are homebound, in nursing homes, or serving in the military.
- **Worship Committees:** submitted by Terry Becker ([terrymarybecker@gmail.com](mailto:terrymarybecker@gmail.com)) God's Housekeepers have 14 dedicated members who keep the church cleaned on a bi-weekly basis. Our new choir has 14 members, and they are actively seeking more. The choir is on a rotating schedule so that they will be singing at all Masses. Since Chris McCullough has retired after many years of dedicated service to our parish, a number of people have stepped up to perform some of her roles. Sharon Hibbs will become the worship minister. In that role, she will ensure that our Eucharistic ministers have received archdiocesan training. Sharon will also coordinate Holy Day Masses. Curt Meyers will coordinate young altar servers as we slowly transition back to pre-pandemic worship practices. Deacon Jim will help the parish with special monthly prayers from the ambo at Sunday Masses and printed in the bulletin. Yvonne Riggs will take over writing the Prayers of the Faithful. Each weekend Mass has two sacristans to make sure that all details of the Mass are taken care of. Chris McCullough will continue working with the families of deceased members to plan their funeral liturgies.

**Reports from Fundraising Committees:** The bulk of this meeting was again devoted to discussions about fundraising.

The Super Raffle was held during the Fall Festival. We sold 1,186 tickets for a total of \$23,720, a bit lower than last year. Brenda Salyers was the winner, and she will net just over \$7,000 after taxes. Anne Bainbridge led us through an evaluation of all aspects of the super raffle, and suggested we create a metric to do the same with all upcoming parish fundraisers. We decided that the number of volunteers selling tickets at Mass was sufficient, but the timeline was too long. We printed too many tickets for what could reasonably be sold. We realize that we need

to update the sales goal weekly. Evaluations for future events will be kept both digitally and physically so the information can be easily shared with the chairs of events.

The Fall Festival was deemed a great success! It was a true community event, with responsibilities shared between the parish, scouts, school, and youth. The family focus of the event was viewed very favorably, and discussion was made to drop any gambling or other “adults only” activities and focus only on family-friendly activities. The parish made an estimated profit of \$939.37.

The parish is hosting a Speakeasy – and adults-only evening – on November 5. Admission price will cover drink tickets and raffle tickets. A large-screen will be set up to watch football games, and everyone is encouraged to bring games from home or play cornhole.

The school is sponsoring a Trivia Night on November 12. The theme is Roll out the Red Carpet, and prizes will be awarded to teams with the best movie-themed tables. Admission is \$200.00 for a table of 8.

A Super Bowl party is scheduled for February 12 in the Community Center. The night will be devoted to fun, but will also kick off the 2023 Super Raffle. Tickets for the raffle will be sold that night and then at all fish fries. The drawing will be held on April 23, and our goal is to sell 2,000 tickets which would allow us to give away \$20,000.

Two other fundraisers for the next fiscal year are in the planning stages: a Brew Fest will be held on July 29 (tentatively), and a craft fair will be held on October 14.

**Stewardship Sunday:** Stewardship Sunday will be November 12-13, and the parish will conduct a drive to invite all parishioners to participate in ministries. Deacon Bruce, Maria Frank, and Devin Clements will create “commercials” to be shared at Mass and via videotaped email messages and Facebook. There will be doughnuts served after Masses to invite all to sign up for a ministry and thank those who have done so. Stewardship forms will be in the bulletin, in the back of church, online, and emailed to parishioners. It was also suggested that the school add our forms to their weekly news folders and at any upcoming parish events.

**New Business:** Elaine Kennedy reported that Sr. Ruth Ann needs volunteers on Wednesday afternoons for Kids’ Café tutoring and meal serving. The council discussed reaching out to Seneca High School to see if National Honor Society or Beta Club students would be interested in earning volunteer hours. It was also suggested approaching Bellarmine University to see if they may agree to let work/study students use our site as part of their scholarship package.

Fr. Peter is scheduled to return on December 10.

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 7:49 with a prayer. The next meeting will be on January 26 at 6:30 in the Parish Life Center.

*Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier*