

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

January 26, 2023

“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 6:34. Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Parish Council members sent Valentines and Hershey’s kisses to the teachers at JPIIA.

Attending: Fr. Peter Do, Dan Amlung, Anne Bainbridge, Terry Becker, Devin Clements, Ashley Curry, Kathy DeLozier, Frank Hulsman, Elaine Kennedy, Heather Meyers, Sandy Moore, Jim Sinnott, 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) Kathy DeLozier will research bids for installing the cornerstone from St. Barnabas near the church. Fr. Peter will speak with Fr. Dale Cieslik, archdiocesan archivist, to create a plaque with information about the merger of St. Barnabas and St. Pius to create our current parish, St. John Paul II.
- **Formation Committee:** submitted by Maria Frank (maria.frank@lge-ku.com) no report this month
- **Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott (jhsinnott3@yahoo.com) More than half of SuperBowl squares have been sold; party is scheduled for February 12 at 5:30 in Parish Life Center. The kickoff for the Split the Pot Super Raffle will begin at the Super Bowl party and continue at Fish Fries and Sunday Masses through Easter. Seniors Dining Out has resumed meeting monthly; announcements about the chosen restaurants appear in the bulletin. Solicitations for Brew Fest sponsors have begun. Cub Scouts will celebrate the “Birthday” of Cub Scouting with a Blue and Gold Banquet on February 5, which is also Scout Sunday. All Catholic members of the troop will attend the 10:30 Mass in their uniforms. The Scouts are holding a Mardi Gras dinner on February 18 from 5:00-7:00 after the 4:30 Mass. The dinner is provided free of charge,

but the Scouts will accept donations. The Pinewood Derby was held on January 19, and a larger derby will take place at St. Athanasius on March 11. Phone team continues to make quarterly contact with parishioners over the age of 70. They made contact or left messages with 111 parishioners this quarter.

- **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 signatures and donations after all Masses for inclusion in the Record on January 19. Three committee members attended the pro-life Mass at St. Gabriel. Habitat for Humanity has begun work for this year at 517 Iowa Street. The food pantry was filled by the Boy Scouts sweep of the Hikes Point area in November. Eleven families received a full Thanksgiving food basket with a gift card for a ham or turkey and a short note inviting them to attend St. John Paul. The Caring and Sharing Tree was a huge success. Each family received every item on their wish list. There were extra Kroger cards donated that we can use throughout the year for families experiencing need. Demand for help with utility bills is very high. The Grief Recovery Ministry will resume in February and continue through April. Catholic Charities has asked John Paul II to collect baby products in February. A complete list will be in the bulletin, and there will be a table in the back of church for donations. The parish continues to collect food items the first Sunday of each month for FC/Highview Ministries. CLOUT has added four new congregations to its city-wide efforts to effect change. The new Catholic parishes are St. Lawrence, St. Augustine, and St. Martin de Porres. In addition, CLOUT has added a new committee called Children and Youth Committee with an emphasis on Education, Mental Health, and Crime and Violence. JP II Justice Ministry Network will be on Sunday, February 12 at 11:30 in the school cafeteria. The rally will be on March 9, but no location has been set. The Nehemiah Action Assembly will be held on Monday, March 27 at Male High School.
- **Worship Committees:** submitted by Terry Becker (terrymarybecker@gmail.com) God's Housekeepers are searching to add one new volunteer for a Saturday morning once every few weeks. The Art and Environment Committee will be creating new banners for the Easter season. Sharon Hibbs and Deacon Jim will work together to make sure all Eucharistic ministers are trained and certified according to archdiocesan guidelines.

Reports from Fundraising Committees: Frank and Elaine Hulsman are spearheading the Super Bowl party and fundraiser. The party is a family friendly event to be held in the Parish Life Center. Guests are encouraged to bring snacks to share. The 2023 Super Raffle will begin at the Super Bowl party, and sales for those chances will continue at all Fish Fries and Sunday

Masses through Lent. We have already received \$800.00 in donations from sponsors to offset the price of printing tickets.

St. Barnabas Cornerstone: Parish Council discussed a number of spots on campus for placing the cornerstone from St. Barnabas: near the grotto at the Parish Life Center, near the church, near the prayer garden. We decided to check the feasibility of installing it outside church near the St. Pius cornerstone. Kathy DeLozier will work with the administration committee to solicit bids and lay out the scope of the project.

New Business: Fr. Peter reported that the music minister has resigned and he is in the process of searching for a new director of music. Fr. Peter also reported that he has created an ad hoc committee to update the worship space, beginning with the floor around the altar. Frank Hulsman reported that the stained glass windows from St. Barnabas will be installed in the Parish Life Center and the Reconciliation Room. The contractor chosen for installing the windows has had a difficult time getting the parts needed for installation.

Evaluation of Parish Plan for Ministries and Services: Parish Council will spend the remainder of this term looking at each of the five goals our parish formulated last year. During our February meeting we will focus on Goal 1: *To Be a Community Continually Fostering Growth in Unity and Harmony*. The March meeting will focus on Goals 2 and 3: *To Give and Receive God's Love in Carrying Out Works of Peace and Justice and To Invigorate our Faith through Lifelong Learning*. The April meeting will look at the final two goals, 4 and 5: *To Celebrate our Diversity, Hospitality, and Faith within our Community and Neighborhood*. The focus of the May meeting will be on the budget for fiscal year 2023-24.

Parish Council Membership: Anne Bainbridge, Kathy DeLozier, and Jim Sinnott will finish their three year terms on the council in June. These three members will work together to solicit new members who can begin on the council in August.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:40 with a prayer. The next meeting will be on February 23 at 6:30 in the Parish Life Center.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier