

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

April 27, 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 6:30 offered by Fr. Peter.

Attending: Fr. Peter Do, Dan Amlung, Terry Becker, Devin Clements, Ashley Curry, Tim Davis, Kathy DeLozier, Jack Johnson (for Frank Hulsman), Elaine Kennedy, Heather Meyers, Sandy Moore, Jim Sinnott, and Rob Tichy.

Approval of March 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)
The front door of the church has been difficult to keep locked due to damage it suffered over 30 years ago. Morning Mass attendees had noticed that some homeless people had been able to get inside the church to spend the night. The door is currently locked with a latch, and can only be locked from the inside for the time being. The parish is looking in to replacing the lock or replacing the door. The parish sustained more damage from the latest round of storms, but our insurance will cover the damage. Parts of the roof of both the school and church will need to be replaced. A steel beam in the Community Center must be replaced. The bleachers have been secured so they should not be blown around in the future. The parish will bear the cost of removing remaining trees along the creek in hopes of avoiding future damage.
- **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)
The Photography Committee took pictures of Easter Week services, Easter Masses, the very successful Easter Egg hunt, and new baptisms. Lynn Haner won \$8,330 in our Split the Pot raffle on Sunday, April 23. Seniors Dining Out hosted an event and 24 seniors participated. The boy scouts will meet at St. X’s swimming pool on May 3 for all boys

interested in earning their swimming merit badge or swimming and water rescue skills badge. These badges will allow scouts to participate in a kayaking/canoeing camp later in the year. Other upcoming events for boy scouts and cub scouts include a camping trip on May 12-14, two virtual leadership meetings, a cross-over ceremony, summer day camp, and a fundraiser selling \$10.00 discount cards.

- **School Board Committee:** submitted by Tim Davis (tsdstar77@hotmail.com) Two members of the parish finance council joined with the school board to help with the school budget for the upcoming year. The board approved a recommended 3% increase in tuition. Second grade students received their First Holy Communion on April 30 at the 10:30 Mass. The school hosted a very successful multicultural dinner on April 21. There was a nice article about the event in the April 27 Record. The Academy is looking for anyone in the community who can help with marketing. The school, Pre-K-grade 8 is currently enrolling students.
- **Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung (amlungdan@gmail.com) The Respect Life committee will accept donations the weekend of May 13-14 for the Little Way Pregnancy Center. Our Habitat for Humanity group is working at two sites on West Burnett and John Little Street. CLOUT held its annual Nehemiah Assembly on March 27. Approximately 1,000 people attended either virtually or in person. The group succeeded in gaining commitments from a private non-profit to bring a "Villages" program to four zip codes in the city, including 40218 and 40220. Mayor Greenburg committed to a program aimed at improving relationships between LMPD and the wider community, as well as expanding the deflection program in which mental health and medical staff attend to some 911 calls. The mayor is also committed to curbing gun violence in Louisville. Marty Polio, superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools did not attend the meeting, although he had been expected to attend and address the problematic reading scores of its students. The card-writing ministry continues to send cards to homebound parishioners and those celebrating milestone birthdays over the age of 70. The ministry also sends cards to family members of parishioners who have passed away. There are 20 members of the card-writing team.
- **Worship Committees:** submitted by Terry Becker (terrymarybecker@gmail.com) The choir provided music throughout Holy Week, and Sharon Hibbs coordinated all the ministers for each service. The Arts and Environment Committee will keep Easter decorations through May. The Worship Committee will reach out to the archdiocesan Office of Worship to have someone train and certify our Eucharistic ministers. Archbishop Shelton will allow communicants to receive the Precious Blood beginning June 10, the Feast of Corpus Christie.
- **Report from Fr. Peter:** Father has appointed Chuck Lynch and Lynn Haner to be parish representatives to the archdiocesan Eucharistic revival initiative. There are several

events planned for our regional churches centered around the Eucharist. On June 16-17 there will be a 24 hour adoration at one of the parishes in our region (TBD). There will be a Eucharistic procession on November 26 in honor of Christ the King. This will take place at St. Michael. And there will be a regional mission held at three different parishes on three consecutive evenings on March 4, 5 and 6. Each parish will offer Mass and then the mission talks. These parishes are also to be determined. Finally, there will be some sort of youth event to include young people in recognizing the importance of the Eucharist. Fr. Peter also reported that our archdiocese will participate in a nationwide fundraiser called IGIVECATHOLIC the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (November 28). This operates much like Give for Good Louisville, but it is national in scope. Finally, an anonymous parishioner donated \$35,000.00 to be used as Fr. Peter saw fit. The money will go to refurbishing the sacristy with new cabinets, new closet doors, and a new floor.

- **Report of the cornerstone from St. Barnabas:** The stone mason who agreed to lay our cornerstone is out of town until later in May, so there has been no work done on the project. John Paul II Academy will reuse the time capsule from St. Barnabas School and refill it with memorabilia from our Academy.
- **Music Ministry Director:** Fr. Peter announced that Katherine Alberts will be the new music minister for the parish and the school music teacher. Her position begins on June 1.
- **Fundraising:** The Split the Pot raffle did not do as well as hoped, but the council would like to keep the event in the spring next year. We liked the kickoff at Super Bowl, especially because selling chances during fish fries was very successful. Rob Tichy pointed out that the two raffles (September and April) netted our parish about \$20,000.00, which was our original for the fall raffle. We hope that moving to just one spring raffle will have the same results as the two raffles. The 2024 raffle will kick off on Super Bowl Sunday, and sales will continue through our Festival of Ministries next May. Fr. Peter will try to get donations of gifts for second and third prizes. Congratulations to Lynn Haner on holding the winning ticket!

Evaluation of Parish Plan for Ministry and Services: The council looked over the fourth goal of the plan: *“To celebrate our diversity, hospitality, and faith within our community and neighborhood.”* Fr. Peter will talk with the leadership at Buechel Park Baptist Church to see about hosting a potluck on a Saturday afternoon. If feasible, the parish life committee or subcommittee will work on this goal. The academy hosted a very successful multicultural dinner on April 20. While the parish plan called for us to utilize the archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministries, no action has been taken on this step yet. We have established a welcoming committee whose work is ongoing. All new parishioners have been contacted. Our

plan called for the parish to host three social gatherings in 2023. We have already held a Super Bowl party. There are plans for a scaled down Brew Fest in the summer and a large craft fair in October. The council discussed conducting another parish census in 2024. We need to agree upon a set of questions we want answered about our parish demographics. An ad hoc committee will be formed to come up with the format for the census questions. In order to expand participation in the ministries our parish offers, we will offer a Festival of Ministries every other year (next held in May, 2024). We looked at the group faith-sharing opportunities we offer. There is a men's prayer group that meets on Saturday mornings at 6:30; two groups of women participate in Walking with Purpose throughout the year; we offered several evening spiritual events with Steve Angrisano, Sr. Martha Buser, Fr. Bill Burks, and Fr. John Schwartzlose. The council felt that this achieved the goal of a parish mission even though the format was different.

Nominations for Parish Council members: Ann Bainbridge (9:00 AM), Kathy DeLozier (4:30 PM), and Jim Sinnott (10:30 AM) will speak at all Masses on April 29 and 30 to invite parishioners to nominate themselves or others to serve on the council beginning in August. The selection of three new members will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 28 after the 10:30 Mass. Since Fr. Peter will be at an ordination that Sunday, one of our deacons will make the selections. Parishioners can contact any of the three members rolling off with nominees; the parish staff will contact nominees to see if they are willing to serve.

Precious Blood at St. John Paul II: The council discussed how to re-introduce the wine during Communion. There are several considerations due to ongoing concerns stemming from COVID: how shall ministers dispose of the leftover wine? How much wine should we offer? How many ministers are needed, and what should the flow of our lines look like? Our overall consensus is that we want to receive the Precious Blood as part of our Communion rite, but will study archdiocesan guidelines carefully between now and June 10.

Agenda items for May: Council will discuss the fifth and final goal of the Parish Plan for Ministries and Services.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:55 with a prayer. The next meeting will be on June 1 at 6:30 in the Parish Life Center. **NOTE: the normal date conflicted with graduation from the Academy on May 25.**

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier