

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

June 1 and June 22, 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, Anne Bainbridge, Terry Becker, Devin Clements, Tim Davis, for Frank Hulsman, Elaine Kennedy, Heather Meyers, Sandy Moore, Jim Sinnott, and Rob Tichy.

Approval of April Minutes: had been done via email.

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

- **June 1 Administration Committees:** submitted by Kathy DeLozier (delozier.kathy@gmail.com) The cornerstone from St. Barnabas was placed into the façade of St. John Paul II on May 23 to balance out the cornerstone from St. Pius. The terrazzo floor in the school near the cafeteria has been removed and will be replaced during the summer. That floor had been damaged by water leakage in the spring.
- **Formation Committee:** submitted by Maria Frank (maria.frank@lge-ku.com) no report this month
- **June 1 Parish Life Committees:** submitted by Jim Sinnott (jhsinnott3@yahoo.com) Ashley Curry is heading up the Arts and Crafts Festival to be held on October 14. Volunteers are needed. Seniors Dining Out will meet June 13 at Rafferty’s Restaurant. These are monthly social outings. For more information contact Carol McGoff at 499-6952. Scouts, as always, are busy. They have been invited to join Archbishop Fabre for the Corpus Christi procession from the cathedral to the Belvedere on June 11. The boys will work on their personal management badge on June 7. Summer camp will be held June 11-17 at Kentucky Lake. The Cub scouts went for a 1 mile hike at the Parklands and learned about their six essentials: water, trail food, whistle, flashlight, first aid kit, and sunscreen. Day camp for Cub scouts will be June 9-11 near Bernheim Forest. Another day camp will be held in July at Tom Sawyer Park. The phone team ministry

made 22 contacts this month and left messages for 19 parishioners. There will be a team meeting on June 6. The Welcome committee has quickly made contact with all new parishioners. Memorabilia, photos, and written histories from St. Barnabas, St. Pius, and St. John Paul II were included in a new time capsule/cornerstone.

- **June 22 Parish Life Committees:** There has been no activity regarding a Brew Fest or a Cornhole Tournament. The scouts will work on a Cyber Chip program as a requirement for moving up in rank. Officer Eberenz will present a talk on drugs, alcohol, smoking and vaping. The troop has reserved a spot at Philmont for summer, 2024. Any scouts interested should contact Tom Kennedy (502-439-5460) as soon as possible to reserve a spot. Adult Leadership Meeting for scouts is July 11. There is a possible camp-out on July 11 as well. Scout Leadership elections will be held August 9. A final summer campout will be held on August 19 at the Flaget Trail Camp. The Phone team contacted 37 parishioners and left 24 messages. The team has defined the chair's and members' responsibilities. Elaine Kennedy will reach out to the teenagers who had offered a "Tandem Project" at John Paul. The team needs to actively recruit new members. Elaine Kennedy, Lauve Pochet, and Jim Sinnott will speak during Masses on July 15 and 16. Aileen Sterret is rolling off the team after serving faithfully for three years. Jim Sinnott will chair the Fall Festival for 2023, replacing Melissa Goens who has held this position for several years. He will be assisted by Tim Davis. Patsy Meyer is working on a Senior Day trip to Churchill Downs when racing resumes in November. The seniors will also take a day trip to Frankfort to see the new COVID memorial in either August or September. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the back of church to collect names of loved ones who were lost to this disease. Those making the trip will present flowers at the memorial and hold a brief prayer service. The group may be able to tour the capital afterward and then stop for lunch on the way home.
- **School Board Committee:** submitted by Tim Davis (tsdstar77@hotmail.com) no report
- **June 1 Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung (amlungdan@gmail.com) The Respect Life committee collected 20 and \$200 in donations for the special Mass for Mothers by Archbishop Fabre. They are planning a baby shower in July. There was no work done by the Habitat for Humanity Committee because their work date fell on the Memorial Day weekend. Patti Filley and eight participants completed the grief group in May. Another group will be formed in June. Monthly food collections are sent to Fern Creek/Highview Ministries on June 3 and 4.
- **June 22 Worship Committees:** submitted by Terry Becker(terrymarybecker@gmail.com) The new music director, Katherine Alberts started on June 1. The Arts and Environment committee has adorned the alter for ordinary times. There was a meeting for all Eucharistic ministers with training provided by Fr. Peter and Sharon Hibbs. The trainings focused on the changes in requirements for offering the Precious Blood, which was

reinstated at all parishes following the Celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. One hundred fifty seven Mass surveys were returned, 63 from the 4:30 Mass, 56 from the 9:00 Mass, and 27 from the 10:30 Mass. Results showed that most people attend their chosen Mass because of convenience or family schedule. A second choice reason for choosing a particular Mass was the attendance with friends or family. The survey was conducted as part of our Parish Plan for Ministries and Services, and is not meant to whittle down the number of Masses offered each weekend. Several parishioners made helpful suggestions and those have been passed along to members of the Worship Committee.

- **June 1 Fundraising report:** The parish council had requested a written report from the Fundraising committee so we have detailed notes for subsequent split the pot raffles. Anne Bainbridge created a report for the June 1 meeting. The two raffles (September and April) had sales totaling \$40,260 with a total of 2,013 tickets sold. Faye Johnson had the tickets printed in a very timely fashion, and Frank Hulsman was able to get the sales online very quickly. The spring season lasted from the February 12-April 23. Instructions for using the Square (credit card), reporting sales, and turning in money were revised several times throughout the process. The revised log sheet for tickets sold worked well. The raffle money was counted and recorded weekly. Anne created a spread sheet with the problems that were encountered during the sales and solutions for future sales. This report is on file with the parish office.
- **June 1: Evaluation of Parish Plan for Ministries and Services:** The fifth goal of the parish plan, *"To ensure our future at St. John Paul Parish"* was discussed. The council feels that not all staffing needs have been evaluated, but Fr. Peter will be doing this in the near future. Anne suggested a communication liaison between the council and the school board. The parish staff needs to be aligned with archdiocesan guidelines. The council will look at this again in the fall. Social events are on the parish calendar in the parish website, however, we can make better use of tech notifications the MyParishApp. We can put a QR code on a banner in the back of church and in the bulletin. Curt Meyers is posting information on FaceBook and Instagram. There was a question as to whether fundraising falls under the Parish Life or Administration committee, or whether there should be an entirely new committee on the parish council to deal only with fundraising. Perhaps a committee of fundraising event chairs could meet together, although this was not finalized. One part of this parish plan for ministries and services involves an energy audit for the campus. One was done for the Parish Life Center in April, 2022. The council would like to start the audit in Spring, 2024, and have it completed by Spring, 2025. Since we have an Environmental Concerns committee, this audit may fall under its auspices. We recognize the need to build a membership marketing plan for the future. This would be broader than the Administrative Committee, and should consist of 3-5 members. A discussion about

upgrading our signage surfaced questions as to whether we need city council permission to change our signs. Rob Tichy will contact Brent Ackerson from Holy Trinity about this.

Announcement of new Parish Council members: Lynn Haner, Kathy Huber, and Michelle Norris will be the new parish council members, replacing Anne Bainbridge, Kathy DeLozier, and Jim Sinnott.

June 1: Proposed budget for St. John Paul II: Sandy Moore prepared a proposed budget. While the finance committee had approved a budget with a small surplus, the proposed budget projects a small deficit due to a new music director salary and insurance. The Frances Center receives income from the exercise group and the yoga classes which both rent space from the parish. The LGE bill is broken out between parish, school, and church. The parish covers 20% of the school utility bills. New flooring for the school has been submitted to the insurance company, Catholic Mutual. The new roof for the school and church will be contracted out after the insurance company gives out that money. Finally, the work from the wind storm in March is being conducted, and bills will be submitted to insurance for those as well. Our insurance costs rose 32% this year. There was a discussion about adding processing fees to cover charge purchases at fish fries and the super raffle since we are charged fees by WeShare and Square. Overall, the budget was approved by parish council.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 8:25 with a prayer. The next meeting will be on June 22 at 6:30 in the Parish Life Center.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier and Rob Tichy