

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

September 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 6:32.

Attending: Fr. Peter, Dan Amlung , Terry Becker, Ashley Curry, Tim Davis, Maria Frank, Lynn Haner, Kathy Huber Frank Hulsman, Elaine Kennedy, and Rob Tichy.

Approval of August Minutes: August 2023 minutes were approved and seconded.

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

- **Administration Committees:** submitted by Terry Becker (terrymarybecker@gmail.com) no report this month
- **Formation Committee:** submitted by Maria Frank (maria.frank@lge-ku.com) no report this month.
- **Parish Life Committees:** no report this month.
- **School Board Committee:** submitted by Tim Davis (tsdstar77@hotmail.com) no report this month.
- **Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung (amlungdan@gmail.com)
 - Respect Life Committee will have a display in church as well as bulletin announcements for October which is Respect Life Month. There will be a baby bottle collection to raise funds for Little Way Pregnancy Resource Center.
 - Habitat for Humanity is assisting with a raise the roof project at 4422 Possibility Way.
 - Food collection for the needy and for Habitat for Humanity Meals continues to request non-perishable food items the first weekend of each month and is delivered to Fern Creek Highview (FC/HV) ministries. Thanksgiving Food

Baskets will be collected from October 28 through November 12 for FC/HV Ministries.

- Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together (CLOUT) is starting a new year. JP II will be sponsoring 6 House Meetings. These house meetings are an opportunity to define our parishioners' worries or upsets our fellow citizens here in Louisville. This information gathered becomes future issues. St JP II was awarded a Highest Turnout trophy for our attendance at the Nehemiah Action.
- The Parish Card Writing Ministry is sending cards to parishioners who are homebound, in Nursing Homes, to Active Military who have parishioners who are family, and will be sending a St. John Paul II Holy Card to these groups for the JP II upcoming Feast Day on October 19th.
- **Worship Committee:** submitted by Terry Becker (terrymarybecker@gmail.com). The parish is replacing the alter floor, choir area floor, and tabernacle floors beginning on September 25th and lasting for 16 days. A new stained wood floor is being installed. Daily Mass will be held at St. Martha and weekend masses will be held in the Community Center. The children's choir has started to sing at the 10:30 mass on Sunday. The children doing the readings will be coming soon. Chris McCullough has now retired.

Reports from Fundraising Committees: No report this month.

New Business:

- Dan Amlung reported that a new chairman for the Respect Life Committee is needed, the current Chairman is retiring.
- Elaine Kennedy reported on the Kids Café. It has been up and running for the last 3 weeks. The times have changed because the school day hours have changed for the Jefferson County Schools. During the 2022/2023 school year 52 children participated. These children were from 2 Catholic and 4 public schools. There were 38 tutor volunteers from 12 parishes, 72 youth volunteers mostly from St. X, Trinity and Sacred Heart High Schools. The Buchel Women's Club donated school supplies
- Frank Hulsman updated the Parish Council on the non-working air conditioner in the Community Center. The repair/estimate process works by him submitting the information to the Archdiocese and a final approval to move forward comes from them. There is expected to be a December installation. The heat will be off for 10 days as a

side effect during the installation. There will be increased efficiency of the unit once installed.

- Lynn Hamer reported on the Parish Vocation Ministry that is being initiated at the Parish.
- Fr. Peter announced that on the First Friday of each month after the 8:00 am mass that the students are being encouraged to stay an additional 15 minutes for Eucharistic Adoration. There will be a Eucharistic Revival Procession at St. Edward Church on October 15 at 1:30.
- Ashley Curry reported on the Arts and Crafts Fair coming up on October 14th. There are 50 booths scheduled. The Fair will be in the Community Center, Parish Life Center and in the Parking Lot.
- Jim Sinnett reported through a written report about the upcoming October 21st Fall Festival. The Boy Scouts will be providing a Chili Supper, there will be a cake wheel, donations are requested. There is a call for gift card donations.
- Father Peter told of the churches in the area forming a new organization to help the poor and is looking for a volunteer.
- Elaine Kennedy suggested increasing the number of Cups for Precious Blood to 4 at the 4:30 mass on Saturday.
- Tim Davis inquired about the previous discussions of finding a volunteer to help market both the school and the parish.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:44 with a prayer from Rob Tichy. The next meeting will be on November 2nd in the Parish Life Center.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Becker