

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

November 2, 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 6:28.

Attending: Father Peter, Dan Amlung, Terry Becker, Ashley Curry, Kathy Huber, Elaine Kennedy, Chuck Lynch, Michele Norris and Rob Tichy.

Approval of September Minutes by Rob Tichy, seconded by Kathy Huber.

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:** Jim Sinnott reported on the Fall Festival. The Fall Festival was well attended and enjoyed by all. Several parishioners helped organize the evening’s activities.
- **School Board Committee:** submitted by Tim Davis (tsdstar77@hotmail.com) no report this month
- **Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung (amlungdan@gmail.com). Mary O’Brien submitted a report for the Respect Life Committee. She has stated that this is her final year as chairman. Each Parish Council Member is encouraged to reach out to find a new chairman for this committee for next year. Habitat for Humanity (Steve Hennessey) - October 28 is our last Saturday of the year to work. We have been asked to work at 4423 Ginko. That is in the Lake Louisville subdivision. Social Services (Pattie Filley) – Social Concerns continues to service the people of the 40220 and 40218 zip codes. The food pantry has a steady stream of people who are in desperate need of food. The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. In addition, we are continuing to assist people with Utilities such as Electric and Water. In addition, people are advised to take

advantage of the Dare to Care Food Truck that comes to St. JP the second Tuesday of each month. I am beginning to take names of families who need assistance with their Thanksgiving meals. As in years past, we will utilize some of the food that will be donated by church members. A collection of Kroger Cards will help defray the cost of the turkey. At the beginning of November, We will start collecting names for the Caring and Sharing Tree. Dress for Success has relocated its office at 2722 Crittendon Drive and is now accepting donations once again. Humanity Meals (Mary Ridenour) – Collection of food for Thanksgiving baskets begins weekend of October 28/29 and goes through November 11/12. Sunday Nov 12th volunteers will help put food together in cafeteria after 10:30 Mass to be delivered to Fern Creek Highview Ministries on Monday the 13th. **Clout** (Chris Finzer) – CLOUT and the St. John Paul Justice Ministry have largely completed our Listening Process. City-wide, CLOUT completed 60 House Meetings, while St. John Paul held 8 of them within our parish alone. 47 people attended the House Meetings and 46 committed to be Justice Ministry Network members. We are continuing to meet with other folks on a 1:1 basis, so these numbers will likely increase. Our next major event will be the CLOUT Community Problems Assembly, which will be Monday, October 30th @ 6:30PM. The assembly will be held at St. John Paul. Of note, Mayor Greenberg has committed to come to update us on the commitments he made at last March's Nehemiah Action Assembly regarding the Truth and Transformation process with LMPD, expansion of the Police Deflection model for 911 calls, and measures to reduce crime and violence in our city.

- **Worship Committee:** submitted by Terry Becker (terrymarybecker@gmail.com) The Altar floor is almost complete, the handrails being the final part of completion. The beautiful update to the Altar, Choir, and Tabernacle areas has provided a fresh clean look to the focal part of the church. From The Music Director, Katherine Alberts: This month our school choir began having students cantor. They are doing a great job. On 10/26, we had a school Living Rosary where all the students participated. We formed a rosary around the church and 4th through 7th grade, along with their teacher, began each Hail Mary. Each student would represent a bead on the rosary. 8th graders were the decade beads and lead the prayer and a reading about each decade. We sang a couple of Marian songs after the 3rd and 5th decade readings and prayer. It was a wonderful time of prayer together. We plan to do another Living Rosary in May and want to have it outdoors, maybe by the Grotto. Next up for the school choir will be their Christmas Program and Lessons and Carols. The Adult choir is busy working toward All Saint Day, Thanksgiving, and Christ the King.
- **Reports from Fundraising Committees:** The Fall Festival and the Craft Fair both brought in a profit to the parish.

New Business:

- Elaine Kennedy has expressed she and Sister Ruth Ann's concern of the children from the Kids Café program walking on the new grass just planted in the front of the Parish Life Center.

- Ashley Curry reported on the Arts and Craft Fair. There were 68 Vendors producing \$3,686.56 in income. The Girl Scouts appreciate an opportunity to work with this committee to support the concessions. Expenses included \$600 for signage.
- Kathy Huber has tentatively accepted the leadership of the Parish Life committee, hesitantly Kathy explains she does not have a computer suitable to complete this task in the same manner Jim Sinnott completed it.
- The Archdiocese gave approval for the replacement of the HVAC system needed in the Community Center. Ken J. Buehner & Son have been awarded bid. There will be a cost of \$84,000.00 for the repairs. The Parish will be dipping into the Savings to pay for the once every 20 year purchase/repair.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:30 with a prayer. The next meeting will be on November 30, 2023 at 6:30 in the Parish Life Center.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Becker