

## St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

February 2024

*"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.

**Attending:** Fr. Casey Sanders, Dan Amlung, Terry Becker, Ashley Curry, Tim Davis, Lynn Haner, Frank Hulsman, Elaine Kennedy, Heather Meyers, Michelle Norris, and Rob Tichy.

**Approval of January Minutes:** January 2024 minutes were approved and seconded via email. Committee Reports were approved

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

- **Administration Committees:** submitted by Terry Becker ([terrymarybecker@gmail.com](mailto:terrymarybecker@gmail.com))  
On two consecutive weekends in February parishioners were requested to update their tithing commitment to the parish with an emphasis on increasing tithing to meet the current budget.
- **Formation Committee:** submitted by Maria Frank ([maria.frank@lge-ku.com](mailto:maria.frank@lge-ku.com)) No report this month.
- **Parish Life Committees:**
  - Submitted by Rob Tichy – Senior Day Trips will resume this Spring. A trip to Churchill Downs is the most popular followed by a trip to the Kentucky Holy Land. Senior Day Trips were put on hold during Covid.
- **School Board Committee:** submitted by Tim Davis ([tsdstar77@hotmail.com](mailto:tsdstar77@hotmail.com)). The school is planning a Cultural Night on March 2<sup>nd</sup> & parishioners are invited. March 12 there is a school skating party for the students.
- **Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung ([amlungdan@gmail.com](mailto:amlungdan@gmail.com))
  - Faithful Citizenship - There was a planning meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Discussed were the items to prepare for Earth Day in April 2024.
  - Habitat for Humanity – On the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of February the team worked at the construction center deconstructing a paint mixing unit that is no longer of use.

- Food Collection for the Needy – The Team continues to collect food for Fern Creek Highview Ministries on the first weekend of each month. There is also a second collection for those in need.
- CLOUT- There was a Justice Ministry Network Meeting at the Parish Life Center on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Each of the four Justice Concerns were discussed as well as the upcoming Nehemiah Action Assembly on Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Auditorium.
- Card Writing – The card ministry team continues to send out cards to parishioners in Nursing Homes, Homebound and celebrating a milestone birthday. Funeral Families and parishioners who have members on active Military Duty are also sent cards from this ministry.
- **Worship Committee:** submitted by Terry Becker ([terrymarybecker@gmail.com](mailto:terrymarybecker@gmail.com)).
  - The Arts and Environment Committee re-did the Lenten banners and are fixing the Holy Thursday banners. The team is ordering flowers for Easter.
  - Alter Servers are being brought back. There will be training for Alter Servers on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Extraordinary Ministers will have a choice of attending a meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Church. This training will qualify for Archdiocese Qualification.
- **Reports from Fundraising Committees:** No report this month.

#### **New Business:**

- Father Casey reviewed the demographics for the Parish Canonical Boundaries.
- Father Casey is interested in bringing back a Booster Club. Our campus has much land that contains opportunities for sports programs to be created on the campus. Various names of parishioners who could re-invigorate a Booster Club to bring fellowship through Sports were discussed.
- Father Casey spoke of the upcoming plans for the Town Hall Meeting planned for Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to be held in the Community Center. Subjects for the Town Hall will be State of Parish finances, school, boosters, and an allotted time for questions from parishioners.
- Father Casey is asking the Parish Council for ideas of how to cut expenses so that the parish can live within the budget. Frank Hulsman has suggested that lights owned by LG&E be returned to them, the parish to purchase lights allowing us to pay only for the electricity and not a monthly rental fee. An energy audit by LG&E has been requested & member Maria Frank will request this audit. The new unit to be put into the Community Center should reduce expense for the AC and Heat.

- Father Casey is interested in creating Discipleship groups for Men and Women in the Parish. The Walking with Purpose Group Women's Bible Study group was mentioned as being active for the last 4 years.
- Father Casey would like to see if a Rosery Making Group could be created.
- Super Bowl Squares sold well, and a good time was had by all attending the Super Bowl Party.
- The Parish Super Raffle sales have begun.
- There was discussion about a safety concern on campus whereby many leaving the church grounds use the entrance and not the exit. Signage changes will be researched.
- Parish Life Committee chair and Right to Life Committee chair were tables for the next meeting.
- An Easter egg hunt after the 10:30 mass or between the masses will be considered for this year. Ashley Curry will reach out to Chris Clements.

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 7:43 with a prayer from Rob Tichy. The next meeting will be on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the Parish Life Center.

*Respectfully submitted by Terry Becker*