

St. John Paul Parish Council Minutes

May 22, 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 6:35.

Attending: Terry Becker, Tim Davis, Lynn Haner, Maria Frank, Frank Hulsman, Elaine Kennedy, Heather Meyers, Michelle Norris, and Rob Tichy. Patsy Meyer was a guest.

Approval of April Minutes: has been done via email.

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:**

Phone Team Report:

I. Stats:

Contacts	12
Messages left	30
Disconnected	13
No answer	9

II. Needs, Concerns or Questions

A. Several parishioners expressed appreciation for Fr. Casey's emphasis on traditional Church prayers, rituals and rites.

B. Many were grateful for the outreach provided by the Phone Team.

C. One parishioner needed to have the Eucharist brought to her home. This is now being done by an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

III. Plans and Projects

A. The Team fulfilled its part in updating the parish files and submitted the last report to Yvonne Riggs on April 30, 2024.

B. The Team's next Quarterly Meeting will be held in Room C of the Parish Life Center at 6:30pm on Tuesday July 16/2024.
Peace. Submitted by Noli Javier and Jim Sinnott

- **School Board Committee:** submitted by Tim Davis (tsdstar77@hotmail.com) no report this month
- **Social Concerns Committees:** submitted by Dan Amlung (amlungdan@gmail.com)

Clout (Chris Finzer) - CLOUT's next upcoming event will be held on Monday, June 3rd @ 6:30PM. This event will be our Justice Celebration and will be held at Temple Adath Jeshurun @ 2401 Woodbourne Ave. (40205). The intention behind the Celebration will be to celebrate what CLOUT has accomplished in the past year - and it will be the start of our yearly fundraising drive. (Most of the funds we raise go to training our many volunteers working to bring a more just community to Louisville.)

Social Services (Pattie Filley) - The Food Pantry here at St. John Paul II is on schedule. I went to the "onboarding" session at Dare to Care on Friday which formally recognized us as a full partner with Dare to Care and as such is entitled to the benefits that they offer. The physical Space has been completely renovated at a minimal cost to the parish.

We have over 50 volunteers to work at the pantry. Fr. Casey will bless the Pantry and the volunteers on Friday June 7th at 10:00- am.

The following month on Sat July 6th we will have an open house for everyone to visit after 4:30 Mass.

We will begin serving our neighbors on Sat July 13th.

St Martha as well as St. Raphael as well as Ascension are helping us with Food and volunteers.

Faithful Citizenship (Patsy Meyer) - NR

Card Writing (Terry Becker) - NR

Habitat for Humanity (Steve Hennessey) - No HFH this month due to the Memorial Day weekend holiday.

- **Worship Committee:** submitted by Terry Becker (terrymarybecker@gmail.com)

It has been a wonderful first year! June 1, 2024, will mark the anniversary of Katherines first year at St. John Paul II Parish, she feels so blessed to be part of this community and looks forward to a wonderful second year here at the parish. The Adult Choir will take a much needed break for the summer. We will sing at the Corpus Christi weekend masses then start refreshed in August. On June 9 we will have an organ dedication. This will consist of a concert and blessing of the organ. Today, the organ speakers were hung up so that a better sound will come from the organ. There will be a nicer cover in the next week or so. Thanks to Frank Hulsman, Jay Comstock, and Jerry Hermes for all the hard work to make this happen. We have been blessed to have the organ given to us from St.

Michael church and our Parish will make great use of it during Mass. The School Choir will end the year with Mass on Wednesday. This choir is coming along. Katherine is starting to get more students willing to cantor. Katherine will be working with the school choir next year beginning in the fall. In June, Katherine will begin being the Director of Divine Worship and Sacred Music. She is very excited about this new endeavor and feels very honored that Father Casey has faith that she will fill this role for our parish. Katherine is so blessed to be part of this community and looks forward to a wonderful second year. The new daily mass schedule: mass will be at 8:15am Monday, Wednesday Thursday Friday. Tuesday will be at 6:00 pm with adoration for an hour.

- **Report from Fundraising Committee:**

Ann Bainbridge reported Here's the final tally and payout with winner for Super raffle. 640 tickets sold; \$12,800 taken in; payout to winner Anne Bainbridge of \$6400 (less taxes). No it wasn't rigged!!(:

I feel that this fundraiser needs to be looked at further to see if it is possible to make it more profitable. Our sales have gone down each year. Suggestions include lowering the price of the tickets and/or adding a second and third prize.

I am really finding it very difficult to leave work during April to work on the fish fries and Saturday evening masses. If we continue to sell during April, I need someone else to take over responsibility for Friday and Saturday evening sales. I could still be responsible for the Sunday 9 a.m. mass sales.

New Business:

Environmental Concerns -Patsy Meyer made a presentation to the Parish Council representing the Environmental Concerns Committee that she leads and has led for the last 3 years. Patsy's committee has shared the Pope's prayers and writings on the Environment. The committee has discussed the parish's use of styrofoam. Patsy has shared that Styrofoam doesn't biodegrade and the committee would like for the parish to adopt ban on its use on campus. Patsy will research the cost comparison between biodegradable products and styrofoam starting with the fish fry's in lent.

KIDS Café - For the 2023 -2024 school year. There were 51 children who participated, however 11 dropped out primarily due to transportation issues. The students came from 2 Catholic schools & 4 public schools, including one charter school in Sellersburg, Indiana. About 80 adult & youth volunteers participated from neighboring parishes, the nearby neighborhood and the local Catholic and public high schools.

Old Business:

1. Boosters update/Food Pantry
 - a. Food Pantry
 - i. Going well
 - ii. Working on a name, unresolved
 - iii. A committee has been formed
 - iv. Mary's Pantry after our blessed mother
 - v. Blessing June 7th Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 - vi. Opening July 13th
 - b. Boosters
 - i. Met with Rick Arnold of the CSAA today
 - ii. Inspected the sports fields
 - iii. School tried to work with Kirstie Thorpe to revive JP II sports
 - iv. Formed an adhoc sports committee
 1. Who will be the next AD
 2. Chris Clements is retiring from the position
 - v. Focus on
 1. Chris brought up soccer
 - a. Surprised by the size of the field
 - b. May be the correct size for up to 8th grade
 2. Track meets only one CSAA event atm
 3. We may be the only elementary school with a track
 4. Location is great
 5. Girls flag football maybe this fall
2. Give a townhall update, postponed?
 - a. Moved to June 22nd after the 4:30 mass
 - b. So as to not have it on a Thursday
 - c. Closer to the close of the financial year so more numbers will be available
3. Cutting Parish expenses, daily mass schedule?
 - a. Move all morning masses to start at 8:15
 - b. Tuesday at 6pm followed by adoration, start in the fall
 - c. More volunteers are sitting with the Lord
 - d. Cutting expenses update
 - i. Programmed thermostats – completed by Fr. Casey may need to finesse some set to 70 degrees
 - ii. Part time business manager bookkeeping, technology
 1. Extended an offer today to Dave
 2. Pending a background check
 3. Starting next Tuesday 5/28
 4. Working 25 hours a week
 - iii. Director of Advancement and Renewal before next budget year July 1st
 1. Interviewing a candidate next Friday
 2. Threefold focus

- a. Catholic culture
 - b. Fundraising
 - c. Promotion/Branding/Communication
 - 3. 90/10 between parish and school in the budget
- 4. Discipleship model for men and women, update
 - a. First meeting of the Holy Men of John Paul II
 - i. Corpus Christi procession
 - ii. Next meeting is Thursday 5/30
 - iii. Start procession with a quick walk to Mary's Grotto
 - b. Update on the receiving of blessed hosts after mass process
 - i. This seems to be working well
 - ii. Creating some drama in the Archdiocese

Next Meeting will be on August 28 at 6:30 for a Potluck meal. The meeting will be at the Rectory. All current and new members are invited to join in this mostly social start to the new Parish Counsel Year.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:40 with a prayer led by Rob Tichy.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Becker