

**Saint John the Baptist
Faith Formation Commission
November 2017 Minutes
Room SJH**

Date:	November 21st 2017	Chair	Tom Pomeroy	Staff Liaison	Jessica Balzarini
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Cheryl P.	X	Mary K (<i>Staff</i>)	X
Jackie S.	<i>Absent</i>	Jessica Zingsheim	X
Jessica B (Staff Liaison)	X	Michelle Stori	X
Joni M.	X	Max Robbins	X
Melanie D.	X	Tom P. (Chair)	X
Mary Beth L.	X	Jodie W. (<i>recorder</i>)	X
		Guest: Steve	X

- I. Opening Prayer – Max R
- II. Focus Statements –aloud together
- III. Approval of October Minutes
- IV. Items for discussion:
 - a. Reporting
 1. Updates from Ministry Leaders –
 - a. Live Presentation(s) – Tom Pomeroy - Catholic Watchmen
 - Start with Socializing first followed by meeting, about 60 regular attendees, nice range of ages, strong support from priests and just right size for our parish size, compared to other watchmen groups we are doing well, generally encouraged to invite others to meetings
 - b. Update from Max Robbins – Connecting members or SJB Connect
 - Demo of “Groopit” app, \$50/yr., can create several groups, able to send mass updates, online & phone app, seems easy to use, texting ability? As compared to flock note?
 - Purpose – allow people to connect based on common interests and what is an easy way to accomplish this plan.
 - How to collect the common interests of SJBC? – Survey monkey, Check the Box – paper cards at end of pews – other?
 - How does pursuing this app/technology relate to the broader discussion on related topic by other commissions, the parish groups, example: ushers & greeters are using “Flocknote”
 - Should do a focus group and move forward, check with other parishes to see what they are doing, check with Fr. Paul & Fr. Skluzacek.
 2. Written Reports
 - a. Guidebook Review– Jessica – All are to read ODM section in front of Guidebook – reflect on it and we will review at December Meeting
 3. Calendar of Events:

Review Past Events:

 - ODM Hospitality after masses weekend OCT 14 -15
 - All Saints Party October 25th

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- Butter Braid Distribution -money raised goes to AV cart with projector and laptop.
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Journey to the Inn – November 29th Dinner (for Fee) 6 pm
 - Kitchen Volunteers: Melanie, Jessica, Mary K
 - Advent Family Retreat – December 10th after 10:30 am Mass
 - Volunteers: Melanie,
 - **Lifeline Mass** with Fr. Paul and Connor Flanagan
 - Saturday, December 2 at the NET Center in West St. Paul. Lifeline includes mass and evening presentation
 - 1st Reconciliation Retreat for 2nd graders and parent on Sunday, December 3 from 2-5 pm.
 - Volunteers Needed
 - Names: Still Need
 - And 1st Reconciliation on Saturday, December 16th at 9:30 am.
 - Volunteers Needed for reception after 9:15-11:00 am
 - Names: Still Need
 - Advent Communal Penance Sunday, December 17 at 3:30 pm
2. New Business:
- a. 50th Anniversary of our current church. 1. Does ODM Commission wish to participate in the celebration? If so, each Commission that wishes to be involved with that celebration should make a brief report on what they recommend at November PLC meeting.
 - ODM Commission Perspective: “focus on formation for the year”- celebrate the 50th by blending both physical and formative. Define “Church” questions regarding how old the school was brought forward.
 - Ideas: Crack open & display archives including floor plans of building -a video, Church History (liturgical history), host a study on “what does it mean to be a Church”, Invite Bishop to do mass, Latin Mass, Coffee bar after mass, Booya – an extra Booya weekend
 - Timeframe: is it 1 year? recommend kick off on St. John the Baptist Feast Day and conclude at the close of 2019 with Archbishop Hebda.
 - ODM Commission may be interested in hosting an event.
 - b. VBS – Should we change formats
 - In past VBS held on weekdays
 - Propose a change to eliminating VBS and replacing it with Missions Week
 - Timing: Evenings either Sun – Th or Mon-Fri for a week of Mission type events for family, adults, Youth, Grandparents & Grandkids, Families with kids or without kids invited
 - Registration for each evening or whole week
 - Mission or events: examples include -formation, community service, tailgate then to a game like Saints, Mass, Adoration, confession, Feed My Starving Children, Handmaids, Franciscan Brothers, clean up parks/yards etc.....

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- We would still hold Totus Tuus
- We would not hold it on the same week as older youth go on mission trip
- Commission Feedback –positively received, how ODM markets the change from VBS to new program will matter

3. Old Business:

- Goals for 2017-18
- Policy Handbook
- Discuss how to reach out to families not registered in parish programming: school or faith formation
- Other

4. Action Items:

- Specific Item: Create a wish list for youth programs – so parishioners can donate. Example Pool Cue's or Ping Pong Paddles/Ball **A WISH LIST this year 2017?**
Who to accomplish: Tabled

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V. Prayer Assignments – Opening: Max Closing: Jessica

VI. Date of Next Meeting: **December 12th, 2017 Mass 5:30 p.m. and Dinner @ 6:05 p.m.**

VII. Closing Prayer: Jessica Z

VIII. Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.

2017-18 Meeting Dates:

~~Aug 25, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21~~, Dec 12, Jan 23, Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15, June 5