

PARISH GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING

May 18, 2016

Meeting Minutes:

Attendees: Rita Arndorfer, Steve Arndorfer, Ralph Arnott, Marianne Flor, Jim Rogosheske, Arliss Velandier, Glenda Burrows. **Missing:** Dave Drajna, Dave Tucci, Kathleen Delaune,

We began our meeting with the Amazing Parish prayer led by Ralph A.

The last meeting minutes were reviewed for the PGAC and the PLC. No corrections or comments were made.

Discussion of Open Items:

- Review Parish Business Administrators Report on your own. See below.
- Outgoing commission members – Steve A., Marianne F., & Dave T. terms are over June 30th. Steve A. has indicated he will not return. Marianne F. and Dave T. have indicated a desire to return. However, Dave T. indicated he felt someone else could give more attention to the role of Commission Chair. Rita asked for a volunteer. Ralph said he would volunteer but would have to relinquish his current role as recorder. Rita indicated she would take on the role of recorder. These role changes will be voted on during the next meeting. A potential prospect for the open position was invited but was not present. If anyone knows of a potential member, contact Rita.
- Ralph reported on 2 of his groups. The Library Committee is continuing very successful. They 4698 items and growing. Needs include handicap accessibility, better publicity and more storage. Wants include getting their catalog on the parish website. Copyright issues are affecting use of some resources by the school. They are serving as a model for the Cathedral. The other group is the Primetimers. This is primarily a service group and they are changing their mission to reflect that. They are meeting all their goals and parish goals.
- Steve A. reported on the SJB Boys Scouts. They are about 40 strong with 12 in the Ventures group. Facility use issues are being worked. No needs at this time; everything is good. The Cub Scouts are at 41 young men. Need to recruit more. Parent volunteers are needed. They are doing hospitality in June.
- Glenda reported on the Gardeners/Indoor Plants. They hosted hospitality, May 14/15, and obtained 2 new volunteers.

Next Month:

Important: Be prepared to report on the status (achievements, needs, etc.) of each of your liaisons. Let Rita know, if you want anything put on the Agenda for our next meeting, May18th. One thing we need to look into is how does our commission measure success? We are asked by the PLC to report next month on how we are doing with regard to our goals and the Parish mission?

Closing prayer was led by Steve Arndorfer. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Ralph Arnott

Recorder

Report to Commissions (reformatted)
Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator
May 18, 2016

1. Close the Gap. Our Close the Gap appeal, kicked off last week with a letter to parishioner's homes and on May 14/15 with Mass announcements, has already brought in more than \$50,000! We have a parishioner ready to match up to that amount, so we have now raised in excess of \$100,000 in additional operating revenue in one weekend! Thank you to our many generous parishioners!

OSMG Capital. Parishioner gifts in April will enable us to pay \$3,048 in additional principle in May. (Our monthly principle & interest payment is \$20,700.) Our debt balance at the end of April was \$1.489 million. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

2. Legacy Wall. The idea of constructing a feature in our St. Paul Plaza memorializing estate and other legacy gifts to St. John the Baptist is being considered tonight by the Finance Commission. This has been discussed for some time now among parish leaders. Other commissions with input on this topic, please contact me.

3. Capital projects. Below are updates on the capital projects being planned or under way.

Church & St. Joseph Hall lighting. Work in St. Joseph's Hall is nearing completion. The wood panels will be replaced soon and the dimming and control systems will soon be programmed. Some preparatory work has taken place in the church, with the project to begin in earnest soon.

Cemetery columbarium. The design of a "plaza" in our cemetery with columbaria is being reviewed and refined now. We will soon be at a stage of reviewing materials and exploring cost factors. The Bethel MBA team has presented its business plan, which will help guide our analysis. We are still on track to break ground in this year's construction season.

School security. Both the Administrative Services and Finance Commissions will be reviewing a simplified and less costly plan to secure the lower level of the Parish Center during school hours, and to secure the north stairwell and both elevators. This will require relocating several parish ministries that presently use the Parish Center's lower level for storage and ministry activity during the school day. The security and safety of our school children is a high priority, and must be addressed this summer.

Elevator repair. The Administrative Services Commission is considering a lower cost option to keep water out of our elevator pits. They are reviewing a proposal and have received input from several professionals, including the state elevator inspector.

Parking lot. The cracks and other flaws in our aging parking lot will be addressed this summer. We will also likely stripe the west lot.

4. FallFest 2016: September 24/25. Our next planning meeting is May 24. Assistance in planning is needed; please contact Mark Dittman or our co-chairs Deb and Brad Kuglin (763-786-1448) if you are interested.

Thank you for your generous service to St. John the Baptist!

Mark Dittman

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