

**Saint John the Baptist –
Pastoral Outreach Commission
Monthly Meeting Agenda / Minutes**

Date:	December 13, 2016	Recorder:	Michelle Chock	Chair:	Mike S.
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Mike S.	Yes	Peter W	Yes
Matt G.	No	Brandon Z	Yes
Leonard H.	Yes	Father Paul Shovelain	Yes
Jeanne S.	Yes	Jane H - visitor	Yes
Tom L.	No	Naomi H - visitor	Yes

Agenda

- I. Dinner 5:30 pm
- II. Prayer 6:05 pm – 6:30 pm
- III. Meeting 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Opening Prayer

Lord, As we journey through this Advent season,
give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace,
a time to be more prayerful,
to listen more intently to Your Word;
a time to allow our faith to grow and mature.

Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends and those with whom we worship.

Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely or suffering;
and to serve them as if we were serving You.
And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path
with confidence and zeal, and prepare for the joy of Your coming!

We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

Partners In Mission World Mission Opportunities – Naomi Hard/Sister Rose

Review and discussion of Building Bridges Document

Discussion: Jane's son is working on his Eagle Scout project creating 200 school backpacks for Bwambo-Tanzania. She is looking to recoup her expenses for these backpacks, \$1.95 ea.
Naomi (Building Bridges Liberia) would like to have a table to solicit donations for her mission in Liberia. Computers, Printers, Tough Books are needed. She is also looking to build a Study Center.
Conclusion/Action: The commission voted to recommend to the PLC to allow a table to be set up in January or February 2017 based on the calendar schedule. Also, recommend to allow advertising in the bulletin and Fr's email.

Review of November PLC Meeting/Parish Admin Report – Jeanne/Mike

Discussion: Review PLC Minutes
Conclusion/Action: None

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Ministry Spotlight: ABLE, Angel Tree and new ministry?

Discussion: Angel Tree donations due back to St. Paul Plaza by December 18 th .
The ministry that is now part of our commission is Funeral Luncheons.
Conclusion/Action: None

Results of Recent Ministry Events: St. Vincent de Paul Socks & Underwear, Adam Fierro Haitian Mission Table (Dec 10/11)

Discussion: SVDP reached their goal. Adam had a table set up and collected money for his mission in Haiti. Sarah Janssen (FOCUS) collected about \$2,000.
Conclusion/Action: None

POC Matrix/SJB Website Information Review:

Discussion: Tabled for future meeting
Conclusion/Action: None

Blue Sky – Open Discussion & Upcoming Service Events/Opportunities:

Discussion: Fair Trade Weekend December 17 th /18 th ; Greening of the Church – Monday, December 19 th 9am and 6pm; Hymnal Replacement
Conclusion/Action: Discuss the Mass Experience at future meetings (tables after mass, etc.)
Thank you to Jane and Naomi for coming to our meeting.
Our next meeting is January 17th

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, You give us this blessed season of Advent as a gift of time to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. But all too often we turn this gift into a source of frenzy, stress and anxiety; a time where we're apt to prepare for a Christmas celebration looking perfect on the outside, but spiritually exhausting and without true meaning.

Restore in us that inherent quest for quiet expectation and hope. Show us the way to a more peaceful, prayerful disposition that makes us more open to a conversion of heart. And give us the courage to let go of things that are ultimately unimportant to the true meaning of Christmas.

Help us be good stewards of this Advent season, so that on the Feast of the Nativity, we will be ready with our own sacred space for the arrival of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we now pray. Amen.

2016-2017 meeting dates:

~~Aug 30, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 13~~, Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 14, Apr 18, May 16, Jun 6