

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

Date:	January 23, 2017	Recorder:	Leonard H.	Chair:	Matt G
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Matt G	Y	Peter W	Y
Leonard H	Y	Deacon Rod Palmer	Y
Jeanne S * (PLC Rep)	Y	Kathleen S	Y
Margaret N	Y	Jane H	Y

Agenda

- I. Dinner 5:30 pm**
- II. Prayer 6:05pm**
- III. Meeting 6:35 pm – 7:40 pm**

Opening Prayer: Come Holy Spirit

1-Foreign Missions – Develop Proposal for PLC

Continue our discussion concerning foreign missions at St. Johns. Father Skluzacek visited our meeting in November and asked our group to present a proposal for a method to support foreign missions that are active in the parish. .

If possible, we should attempt to draft a specific proposal that responds to Father’s original question. To get the ball rolling, I suggest a proposal whereby the parish would recognize two classes of foreign missions as operating within the parish. The first class would include a small number of Parish Sponsored Missions that would have the full support of the parish, the guidance and involvement of parish clergy, and would be recognized as a high priority of the parish. The second class would include Other Missions that are operated within the parish by parishioners. Other Missions would be permitted to operate at the discretion of Father Skluzacek, and would function with a lesser degree of parish support and clergy involvement. The parish would decide on a case-by-case basis the amount and type of support to grant Other Missions consistent with the other goals of the church. To be active at St. John’s, Other Missions would need to allow reasonable oversight of their fundraising and spending, perhaps by the POC as an advisor to the PLC, to ensure that funds raised from parishioners are being handled properly and prudently, and that the Other Missions are engaged in activities that are consistent with Catholic teachings and goals.

Action: The two-class proposal was discussed and the POC felt it was a good way to fully support 1-2 foreign missions, but not be biased on how much support the other foreign missions would receive from St. John’s.

It was suggested 3 levels might be a better option:

- Level 1: Fully supported/endorsed by St. John the Baptist; clergy and/or staff is directly involved or delegates engagement in mission.
- Level 2: Established missions with multi-year history of support/engagement by parish members
- Level 3: Short term missions, new mission requests, or one-time support requests.

The Level 1 & 2 missions would likely be the ones invited to host information tables on World Mission Sunday each year.

Level 3 missions would be on a case-by-case basis to allow information tables and financial support appeals.

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2-Foreign Missions Subcommittee

Last month, Jane H visited and expressed an interest in helping us by leading a subcommittee that would address vetting and oversight of foreign missions. She will visit us again this month, hopefully to confirm that she will be joining us to head up the subcommittee. We will discuss the composition, purpose, and role of such a subcommittee in assisting the POC to make informed recommendations relating to foreign missions.

Action: Jane H has accepted the position to lead the subcommittee and will recruit 3-5 members. She has also joined the POC commission as a full-time member.

Possible subcommittee members: Mark and Catherine H, Renee H, Matthew G

First task will be developing an information sheet for existing/new missions to fill out with relevant information on their mission. POC recommends all new support requests from missions will require the form to be filled out and reviewed by the Foreign Mission subcommittee and POC commission before a recommendation is determined.

Example of relevant information: Name, Parish Connection, Years Active, Country, Mission Focus, Board of Directors, Annual Budget, etc.

Draft information sheet will be reviewed at the February POC meeting.

3-Lakeside North Mobile Community – Follow Up

Deacon Rod will be talking soon to Bev A about the request for assistance we received from Lakeside North Mobile Community.

Action: Deacon Rod talked with Bev A about the request for assistance received from Lakeside. Bev feels the new owners are just looking for a “free-handout” and don’t want to spend any money on improving the park. The paid staff at Lakeside has been reduced from 5 to 2, even though the rent has been raised \$100 per lot since Bev sold the park.

POC recommends no further action or discussion take place on this request from the park owners; though future requests from individual residents would be open for discussion.

Blue sky – Open discussion

Discussion: Leonard suggested St. John’s consider supporting a Holy Land parish in addition to St. John the Baptist parish in Tanzania. This would span both the growing Catholic community in Africa and the shrinking/struggling Catholic families in the Holy Land.

Conclusion/Action:

The POC felt this was a good idea; Leonard will contact George (local Israel tour guide) for information on possible Holy Land parishes to support.

Next Meeting: