

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

Date:	Oct 21, 2015	Recorder:	Michelle Chock	Chair:	Stephanie C.
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Stephanie C.	Yes	Deacon Rod Palmer	Yes
Matt G.	Yes	Jacque S.	No
Leonard H.	Yes	Mike S.	Yes
Jeanne S.	Yes	Brandon Z.	No
Tom L.	Yes	Pat Rother – PLC Rep	Yes

Agenda

- I. Mass/Liturgy 5:30 pm**
- II. Light Meal 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm**
- III. Meeting 6:35 pm – 7:30 pm**

Opening Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and forever rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Opening Comments

Comments on Sept Meeting Minutes – None.
PLC Feedback: No POC commission member present at last meeting. Review PLC minutes online.
Conclusion/Action: None

Discussion of our Committee's Role/Authority

Discussion: What is our role/authority as a committee, especially as we review new ministries? What is the PLC looking for from us? What is our role/responsibility to the coordinators of new ministries?
Conclusion/Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Pat: Our role is to support the mission of the parish/pastor. We are overseers/watchers of ministries. We should continue to learn about existing ministries and develop approval guidelines/criteria for new ministries. Pat will get back to us regarding outstanding questions.

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Goals and Priorities for 2015-2016

Discussion:

From August meeting & approved by the PLC

- Continue to explore ways to increase parishioners' awareness of the many pastoral programs our parish has to offer.
- Work with the Center for Mission of the Archdiocese to clarify what groups and activities (a.k.a. ministries) we support as a parish.
- Explore ways that we can educate parishioners on the Church's rich social teaching.

Possible Ideas/Action Items:

- Invite Center for Mission rep to upcoming meeting.
- Review current ministries and develop matrix, i.e. commitment level, indirect/direct service, one-time/on-going, communities served.
Goal: Better understanding of current ministries.
- Create Guidelines for new ministries i.e. parameters for ministries to fall under Pastoral Outreach, review process, trial period.

Conclusion/Action:

- Group agreed with goals & action items.
- Stephanie spoke with Center for Mission rep. She will gather information from the Mission in Parish Life Workshop (last November) and the recent conversation.

Updates from new(er) ministries

Discussion

- Partners In Mission
- Feed My Starving Children
- Laudato Si: Fr. Jaspers reviewed the curriculum for an offshoot group of “JustFaith” a 10-week study of the papal encyclical “Laudato Si”. The group may meet at SJB or in homes. He determined that the group would fall under the Parish Outreach Commission since it is a social justice item.
- Others

Conclusion/Action:

- Feed My Starving Children – The first volunteer date will change; Tom will work with FMSC to come up with a new date.
- Stephanie will get in touch with Laudato Si's contact and verify that they belong in our commission. The commission thinks they may belong in “Faith Formation”.

Blue Sky – Open Blue Sky – Open Discussion

Discussion: None

Conclusion/Action: None

Closing Prayer – Deacon Rod Palmer

2015-2016 meeting dates:

Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 9, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18 and Jun 8.