

St. John the Baptist Parish Development Commission
February 18, 2020
Minutes

Chair Fran Davis called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were Fran Davis, Mark Hammer, Linda Harmon, Ed Robinson, Melissa Strunc and Staff Representative Bret Sutton. Ralph Arnott, Gene Delaune, and Bob Gabler were absent. Mark Haidet is stepping back for the rest of the year.

The Minutes of the January 21, 2019 meeting were approved.

Endowments:

Bret said that he is close to finishing contacting parishioners who included St. John's in their estate plan. In August, he mailed out 82 letters to these individuals and has received 20 declarations. Bret sent a reminder to 43, and plans to follow up with an email or phone call by the end of February.

We discussed the next group of individuals to contact would be those in the 50-70 year old range. However, after some discussion, we decided to focus on contacting those who included St. John's in their estate.

Linda presented investment data from the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF), including that the CCF is paid a fair fee and how the CCF uses the money. We agreed that the PDC should utilize other church groups, such as Finance or the Pastoral office, to help build the endowment funds.

Legacy Program:

Bret hopes to launch the legacy program in May with approximately 40 donors. The PDC members were asked to review the legacy program recognition plan and provide feedback. Mark Hammer and Fran will work on a preliminary plan to help Bret launch the legacy program. The commission is asked to provide feedback when a draft is available.

Bret and Fran plan to present the proposal plan to Father for feedback. Finance has approved this plan.