

Saint John the Baptist Discipleship and Mission Commission Minutes

Date:	February 16, 2021	Chair	Melanie Dowell	Staff Liaison	Jennifer Livermont
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
<i>OPEN seat</i>		Cheryl Puffer	X
Jessica Balzarini	X	<i>OPEN seat</i>	
Melanie Dowell (<i>Chair/PLC REP</i>)	X	Neil Steffl	X
Jean Koslowski	X	Jodie Wolla (<i>recorder</i>)	X
Jen Livermont (<i>Staff Liaison</i>)	X	Karl Zabinski	
Joni Metz	X	Guest: Josh Willmert	X
Emily Carlberg	X	Guest:	

- Opening Prayer - Neil S.
- Mission Statements – Read aloud.
- Topics for Discussion
 - Introduce visitors: Josh Willmert was present at the D & M Commission tonight.
 - Time to discuss Fr. Paul’s/Jessica’s opening remarks –
 - i. Discuss commission open seats and how to start next year with all full commissions.
 - D & M will have a total of 4 open seats next year.
 - Regular Evening Overview –
 - i. Update from previous month’s PLC.
 - ii. Written Reports from Michael – updated read aloud by Jen L.
 - Baptism
 - a. We are celebrating Baptisms both in 2020 and 2021.
 - b. Last year at this time we had 3 Baptisms compared to 5 to date this year.
 - c. Baptism webpage and registration process has been streamlined and updated. Forms have been made electronic.
 - iii. Written Report from Jessica -read aloud by Jen L.
 - Lenten Reach More Small Groups Begin
 - a. Focus is Sunday reading of Lent and encouraging growth in habits of discipleship, 7 sessions to work through, groups end Holy Week.
 - b. 16 leaders and 18 small groups; 2 leaders are leading 2 groups due to demand; total of about ~150 participants.
 - 1st Reconciliation – February 20th
 - RCIA
 - a. Pray for our Catechumen and 5 Candidates as they discern entering the Church at Easter Vigil.
 - b. To walk through the Rite of Election (for the Catechumen) and the Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion (Candidates) this weekend they need to be ready for this next step in the process and the next stage of formation. We need to see conversion of heart and mind, sufficient acquaintance with Catholic Teaching, acknowledge the intention to receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil. This is a public announcement and our continued guidance, care, and pray for them.
 - iv. Live Reports – Jen
 - Family Formation

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- a. February was in person, 1st Session only few families came; 2nd session no families came except one for middle school program.
 1. Speakers and their messages were very well received, topic was amazing.
 - b. March will be in person, with an abbreviated schedule.
 - i. Fr. Magner is speaking on 10 commandments and how they fit with reconciliation, which will be offered in the church with SJB priests and visiting priests after the talk.
 - ii. Online families are encouraged to attend, the entire night is in the church with ample distancing.
 - iii. Pre-K/K will be upstairs with their own lesson; 1st graders will have a project to work on in the pew.
- Childcare
 - a. Offered for Cana Dinner, First Reconciliation, Reach More Small Groups, First Communion kick-off and retreat days.
 - Egg Hunt – Holy Saturday
 - a. Held outside at Vets park for older children.
 - i. No charge from City of New Brighton
 - b. Littles will be outside at playground.
 - c. Question posed by Jen, games, or no games at hunt?
 - i. Feedback – yes, games to engage children/families longer.
- New Business –
 - i. Calendar of Events:
 - Devoted – starts up again on Wednesday February 24th
- Old Business –
 - Cana Dinner –
 - a. Comment: parishioners appreciated the intentions that were offered at the Cana night mass. They were different and so welcomed! Included those couples, relatives, family members who have lost love ones....
 - b. Comment: Kudos to chairs and planners for an excellent event!
 - c. Comment: Fr. Paul personally called each spouse who lost their spouse this last year. This was amazing to hear and extremely well received!!
 - d. Comment: Online viewers recommend lapel microphones be used due to being hard to hear and static. Additionally, the litany in need has same issues of being hard to hear and static.
- Other –
 - i. **Request** was made to hold start a worship service/mass like “Charismata -Glorify & Cornerstone Mass (Mikayla has with youth), and adoration plus praise and worship music live streamed for those at home on a regular basis.
 - Recommendation to also bring to worship commission to help get traction on this.
 - Melanie would bring this up at PLC and to Worship Commission agenda for next meeting in March.
- Ending Prayer/Adjourn: 7:32 p.m.