

Saint John the Baptist Discipleship and Mission Commission Minutes

Date:	October 20, 2020	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	Jeannene Otto	
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	X
Joni Metz		Guest:	
<i>OPEN seat</i>		Guest:	

- Opening Prayer - Neil S
- Mission Statements -Read aloud

- Topics for Discussion
 - Introduce visitors: no visitors.
 - Time to discuss Fr. Paul's opening remarks.
 - Given the lack of unity in the world today, differing views at home/life promising the view of unity is something to get behind.
 - The Holy Spirit is so powerful.
 - Great message, fire is symbolic, outward focused and called to share it.
 - Question- How do we unify the parish when we are separated by space, masks, and distance?
 - Kudos to those working behind the scenes to allow all we offer!! Love the virtual and in-person options – maybe both options will stay.
 - Masks on when people are speaking, some leaders take masks down to speak, we ask doors to be open and distancing when doing so.
 - People who do not feel comfortable, we offer options.
 - Masks can be removed legally if speaking, we should not track a person's personal choice to pull their mask down. We are not prepared to deal with why a person will or will not follow mandates and how it impacts other people.
 - Adoration Cleaning Concerns -several brought this issue our attention and we discussed over cleaning protocols and specifically in adoration. This area is often out of cleaning supplies such as wipes, hand sanitizer and logs as to when/if it is being cleaned regularly. Can adoration be moved to a larger space during COVID-19?
 - Concerns that we are not responding quickly enough to older population examples: those who are alone, no computer/technology access, food needs, not connected is meaningful way.

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- No know cases have been traced back to parish to date.

- Regular Evening Overview –
 - Update from previous month's PLC (sent via email)
 - Live Reports - Jessica
 - Staff Changes and Update
 - Michael Lane – new staff for RCIA, Sacramental records and administrative support]
 - Jen Livermont – coordinator of family formation and events
 - Jessica took over 1st Sacraments.
 - NET team is busy and transitioning, hit the ground running and settling in
 - Jessica programs start in October for Discipleship ministries.
 - Onsite and in person priority -getting back onsite with COVID-19 safety and people have been comfortable with what we offer currently, and we will change as needed to online or hybrid options.
 - Written Report from ministries under DMC – N/A

- New Business –
 - We can now live stream Baptisms and funerals
 - Review goals from May meeting considering new Thematic Goal for the parish: United in the Holy Spirit – goals discussed.
 - COVID Safety Procedures Document: changes or potential problems?
 - All Saints Party: discussed in length and ideas shared with Jen L.
 - NET: safety protocols, housing, meal train
 - Calendar of Events past and upcoming – ways to volunteer and get involved:
Volunteers needed: All Saints Party, Family Formation, others?
 - Past Events:
 - a. devoted - Oct. 21st
 - b. AYD – Oct 24th
 - c. All Saints Party – Nov 1st
 - Upcoming:
 - a. Family Advent Retreat & Journey to the Inn

- Old Business – No discussion

- Other - none

- Ending Prayer/Adjourn – 7:47 p.m.