

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

Date:	April 20, 2021	Recorder:	Peter Walsh	Chair:	Peter Walsh
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Jeanne Barron	X	Peter Walsh	X
Carole Beggs	X	Lesia Zownirowycz	X
Linda Drews		Mary Kohlhaas (staff)	X
Heidi Hamilton		Deacon Gary Schneider (staff)	X
Jane Heinks	X	Jill Munsinger (PLC Rept)	X
Joe Jansen	X		

Agenda

Heidi H. was unable to attend this meeting. Peter W. agreed to take minutes and to attend the PLC meeting.

1. Opening Prayer: Jane H. lead us in our opening prayer
2. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted by a unanimous acclamation.
3. Pastoral Ministry Coordinator Updates: Mary K reported:
 - a. She continues to make phone calls to parishioners who may be out of touch.
 - b. Care facilities are beginning to open up and some have started requesting Masses and Communion visits. More of our Communion Ministers are expressing willingness to begin visits now that they are vaccinated. Mary is considering having a meeting of all the known Able ministers to explore more activity.
 - c. She has gotten interest from some young fathers regarding assisting elderly with home related tasks – she will keep us posted as this develops.
 - d. The Palm Sunday drive though was very well received, and we may schedule one more this spring.
4. Ministry Updates
 - a. Befrienders – Jeanne B. talked with Susan Amos Palmer and reported that she did not see much continued enthusiasm for the official Befriender program and seemed to imply that the home visits could be provided through the other SJB programs. Mary K. will contact Susan and discuss this in more depth.
 - b. The Food Shelf is up and running with a contactless system. The food shelf consumer fills out a form indicating their food preferences and substitutes. A SJB volunteer fills the order and places the food bags out for the consumer to pick up.
 - c. Naomie Hard has returned from Liberia with many positive reports of her activity there. She has identified a need for a clear water well at one of her locations and has learned the favored bid is US\$10,125. Jane will invite Naomie to our April meeting to share her report and to explore ways SJB may be of assistance in raising money for the well project.
 - d. Jeanne B. reported that plans for the Compassion Connect Clinic are progressing rapidly. Jeanne flew to Portland OR last weekend to observe a CCC in action and returned with 7 dental

kits for use in our clinic which is scheduled for June 19th from 10 am – 4 pm. We are still in need of medical professionals as well as other supportive venues such as hair and foot care and children's activities. Volunteer recruitment continues.

5. Ministry Marketing Update – The POC article for April has been submitted to Bonnie.
6. POC Constitution and By-Laws -A vote on final version resulted in a unanimous vote to accept them as distributed last month. Peter will sign them and forward them on to the PLC.
7. Vetting for new Pastoral Ministries & Charities: - No new information to report
8. We reviewed our current membership terms and determined the Peter W., Carol B and Joe J. will be retiring at the end of this year. We have commitments from Cheryl Puffer and Joni Metz to join our commission next fall. We discussed seeking an additional member and the value of adding diversity to our membership. Some potential candidates surfaced, and we will pursue contacting them. Peter suggested that we begin identifying our leadership for next year so we could have them in place before we adjourn for the summer. We will seek nominations at our May meeting.
9. We had a lively discussion around the topics of “One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic”. Some of the key ideas were the unification benefits of SJB's drive through events, the catholic nature of SJB's St. Vincent DePaul Society, Community Support Center and the newly developed Compassion Connect Clinic. We discussed the lack of diversity of our Commission membership compared to our parish membership and tried to identify ways to improve that. We agreed we can start with our own commission and will invited persons of color to join our POC commission.
10. Closing prayer: Deacon Gary S. led us in our closing prayer.
11. Next meeting: May 18, 2021