

# Saint John the Baptist

## Discipleship and Mission Commission

### Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	October 19, 2021	<b>Chair</b>	Melanie Dowell	<b>Staff Liaison</b>	Jessica Balzarini
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Next Meeting: **November 16, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.**

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Melanie Dowell ( <i>Chair/PLC REP</i> )	X	Wendy Stepanchak	
Jessica Balzarini	X	Neil Steffl	X
Steven Broszko	X	Karl Zabinski	X
Emily Carlberg	X	Jodie Wolla ( <i>recorder</i> )	X
Erin Hardy	X	<b>Guest:</b> Andrea Bongard& Mikayla Anderson	X X
Jean Koslowski	X	<b>Guest:</b> JP & Camryn of NET	X X

I. Opening Prayer – Jessica

II. Mission Statements - Read Aloud

- A. Parish Mission Statement: Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life: GO. MAKE. TEACH.
- B. DMC Mission Statement – *“Inspiring and Leading all at St. John’s to become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ through evangelization and faith formation within the heart of the Catholic Church.”*

II. Monthly Agenda Items

- A. Welcome and introduce any visitors -Andrea Bongard, Mikayla, John Paul, and Camryn - Welcome
- B. Time to discuss Fr. Paul’s opening remarks/answer question – Discussed Points
- C. Update from previous month’s PLC
- D. Review of Written Reports – No Questions
- E. Live Report – Mikayla and NET Team: Excellent discussion: highlights include:
  1. Review of NET’s purpose and timeline discussed – we have a 3 yr. contract which ends in May 2022.
  2. Does NET work to help train/hand off to our adults/youth and create leaders. Net works with a parish which is tougher than some groups such as Damascus camp, Y-Disciple or EFC which partner to teach HS students to minister to middle school youth and parents to lead youth at the parish level.
  3. Question posed: Are we ready at SJBC to lose the NET team, will we have youth in place to take of this ministry? Can we extend NET’s contract for one more year to allow us to be ready to transition our parents/teens to take over? How do we create these leaders and disciples going forward? There was discussion on these questions.
  4. Mikayla stated that some SJBC HS students are in disciple groups. We are not currently able to take over for NET next year.

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5. Members discussed:

1. Creating a sub-committee from D&M Commission and a focus group of invested parishioners to assist/provide feedback regarding a post NET life to Mikayla and Jessica.
2. Sub-committee will also create a strategic plan for a transition to post NET life at SJBC to assist Mikayla and Jessica.
3. Bring to PLC a proposal to add one additional year of NET 2022-2023.
4. There was a very strong consensus to “GO” move forward with urgency to utilize the current NET team in the start of the transition and execute the plan as quickly as possible.
5. D&M members who were interested in participating in the sub-group included: Melanie Dowell, Andrea Bongard, Karl Zabinski, Steve Broszko, Jean Koslowski, Emily Carlberg, Erin Hardy, Mikayla Anderson, Jessica Balzarini other interested parishioners included: Jill Munsinger, Jennifer Livermont

I. New Business

A. Review Commission and Ministry List

1. Make recommended changes to PLC

B. Review Goal:

1. Fr. Paul’s goal for us: To review the feedback forms from the Synod and make recommendations to the parish.
2. Fostering Connectedness
  - a) Pursue Hospitality as a means for groups/demographics can get together to meet and get to know each other.
  - b) Connecting with families not enrolled in our school for parish programming
    - a. Via postcard
    - b. Follow up phone call
  - c) Connect with all children registered in the parish with Birthday postcard
  - d) Connect with your new neighbors with a Welcome to the neighborhood gift bag from SJB
3. Review New Member Orientation Process
  - a) Evaluate current process
  - b) Create a new follow up to the process
4. Closing out the year of St. Joseph
  - a) Possible Indulgence with Meditation on the Our Father
5. Review and Organize Ministries to Core Values

II. **Volunteer** needs specific for Commission members

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#### A. Host Hospitality Weekend – December 19<sup>th</sup> after Masses

1. Arrive at 9:15 am to help and we are hosting after 8:30 & 10:30 am masses.

#### B. All Saints Party – October 27

1. Prize table, Set-up, Clean-up, Distribute

#### C. Journey to the Inn – January 8

#### D. Egg Hunt – April 16

### III. Review of Events

#### A. Past Events for Review and Feedback

##### 1. Fall Events September

- a) First week of Oct. Synod groups start
- b) Sunday School program start
- c) Confirmation Prep program began
- d) Family Formation Program start
- e) 10/16 Archdiocesan Youth Day held at SJBC
- f) 10/17 ODM fundraiser, Butter Braid Sales ended

#### B. Upcoming Calendar of Events and Volunteers Needs:

1. 10/27 All Saints Party – Volunteers confirmed
2. 10/29 Extreme Faith Night
3. 11/1 All Saints Mass
4. 11/2 All Souls Mass
5. 11/12 (1-3 pm) and 11/13-11/14 Butter Braid order distribution after all masses
6. 11/16 next Commission Night

### IV. Ending Prayer/Adjourn: Steve at 7:55 p.m.

#### \*November Meeting Reminder:

- Drinks = Andrea B
- Chocolate = Jodie

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#### Written Report – Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship

**Becoming Catholic RCIA:** We added a Tuesday morning RCIA session for 2 participants with childcare. Sponsors are attending as well. The Monday evening RCIA right now is scheduled to begin on October 18 with one participant. More are welcome!

**Synod:** We have 10 groups meeting of about 150 participants for Synod Small Groups. Groups include 6 small groups, Men's Fellowship, Sr. Clarinda's Bible Study and 2 Open Sessions on Thursday morning and evening led by Jill Fink. Feedback has been positive on the first focus area: Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization. A total of 6 sessions will be conducted concluding the week of November 8-12. All are welcome to join in as their schedule allows to the Open Sessions.

**Baptism:** Baptism Prep Class numbers continue to be around 7 each month. Jill continues to prepare our three new school families who will be baptized in November/December. One grade 2 child will be baptized during a school Mass on Wed., December 15. The other families are choosing the parish monthly group time.

**RCIC:** We have 4 families attending with children grade 4-8. They are all Pilipino descent and are thrilled to be gathering with Sr. Ruth as their teacher on Sunday mornings at 9:15-10:15am followed by attending Mass together.

**Marriage Ministry:** Cana Dinner is being planned. The date is Saturday, February 12 in St. Joseph's Hall.

#### Events

**Known by God: Retreat for Women Experiencing the Loss of a Child due to Miscarriage or Stillbirth** is Saturday, November 20 from 9am-4pm in St. Joseph Hall. Bernadette Gockowski, former youth minister with master's in theology will lead retreatants from her personal experience of loss using scripture to minister to the hurt and pain of the loss. Large group and small group sharing followed by prayer experience. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$40 and registration is required. Registration is available on the St. John's website under Faith Formation. Questions can be directed to Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship.

#### Written Report – Michael Lane

**Baptisms:** 10 Baptisms scheduled in October

**Weddings:** 3 Weddings in October

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**Written Report – Mikayla Anderson, Coordinator for Discipleship for Youth**

- Live report tonight

**Written Report – Jen Livermont, Coordinator for Discipleship for Families**

Faith Formation: we have 57 families enrolled. We have 96 kids enrolled.

Sunday School: We have 35 kids enrolled in Sunday School. We have one of our larger 8:30am classes on record this year.

First Sacraments: 56 kids enrolled. We had our Parent Orientation on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We have six kids that did not go through their sacraments in the last two years that are catching up with the class.

Childcare: We have a new person helping with childcare and we are going to put a blurb in the bulletin to try to find another person to help with childcare during the weekdays.

Events: We are also gearing up for the All-Saint's Party on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. If anyone is interested in volunteering who does not have children, they will be supervising I would be happy to have helpers!