

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

<b>Date:</b>	Tues., January 18, 2022	<b>Recorder:</b>	Socchie Fondevilla	<b>Chair:</b>	Joe Jansen
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Louie Fondevilla	X	Mary Kohlhaas (Staff Liaison)	X
Socchie Fondevilla	X	Joni Metz	X
Heidi Hamilton		Cheryl Puffer	X
Jane Heinks	X	Deacon Gary Schneider (Staff)	
Joe Jansen	X	Lesia Zownirowycz	X
		Marie Zimmerman	X

**A.** Opening Prayer (Silent Meditation): Joe Jansen

**Agenda**

- A. Opening Prayer: Silent Meditation on our individual acts to demonstrate Christ's love.  
(Recommended limit: 2-minutes)
- B. Approval of the agenda and the minutes of our last meeting.
- C. Pastoral Ministry Updates
  - Each member should prepare for our meeting by contacting their assigned organization(s), so you can inform the group on activities/actions of your organization.
- D. Updates on who's group is assigned to write an article for the Parish Bulletin.
- E. Other

**Minutes**

**B. Approval of the minutes of our last meeting:**

- The December POC Minutes of the Meeting was approved
- some minor changes will be reflected on this meeting's minutes

**C. Updates:**

- 1) From the Office Perspective: Since Father Paul left for his Sabbatical, as part of the Personnel changes, Mary is now doing the intakes for a whole lot of funerals (1 today, 2 for tomorrow; usually 2 or 3 a week). It is at first scary because, it is a sensitive time for people. She must capture all of the information with so many details. She's starting to get the hang of it; there's just so many beautiful stories; discussion of the person who passed away and how the family talks about them. This just turn out to be a real blessing for Mary

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**2. Pastoral Outreach Ministries 2021-2022**

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR/S	UPDATES
<b>ABLE Fix-It</b> Liaison: Heidi	Corey Ebbers <a href="mailto:Dbrown8142@gmail.com">Dbrown8142@gmail.com</a> 763-478-7496 c & Dan Brown <a href="mailto:Ebbe0006@gmail.com">Ebbe0006@gmail.com</a> 612-385-6196 c	
<b>Branch III</b> Liaison: Cheryl	Claudia McKeown <a href="mailto:ClaudiaMcKeown@MN.mediaone.net">ClaudiaMcKeown@MN.mediaone.net</a> 612-485-0846	- will update on next meeting
<b>Caregivers Support</b> Liaison: Socchie	TBA (to be arranged)	- Mary has not done getting coordinator yet.
<b>Community Service Center</b> Liaison:	Deacon Garry	- Mary was not sure if POC needs to continue supporting it; it's come up recently. It's still on the works; we're still supporting it.
<b>EM Homebound</b> Liaison: Mary	Mary Kohlhaas <a href="mailto:kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org">kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org</a>	-Mary is completing the process of matching-up the EM's with homebound people to go visit. It is a slow process because for every volunteer that's given all the paperwork there are three others who don't have one thing or another in so it is just a slow process to get all done, before they can be welcomed into the Ministry and put to work. So the paper work is just a frustrating detail that we have to do. It's part of that, so it kind of affects the timing. Little by little we're getting piece of it and she's hoping that all will come together sooner than later
<b>EM Hospitals</b> Liaison: Mary	763-242-4229 c	
<b>EM Nursing Homes</b> Liaison: Mary		
<b>Faithfully Fit</b> Liaisons: Heidi/Lesia	Mary Hartz <a href="mailto:maryhartz@comcast.net">maryhartz@comcast.net</a> 651-491-3886 c & Joanne Lundak <a href="mailto:joannelundak2@gmail.com">joannelundak2@gmail.com</a>	- Mary Hartz told Lesia that they're doing well and that there's nothing that they need as of this point. She will contact POC if ever they need anything we can help her with. The group has been going on for several years now. The thing she truly enjoys about it is the group of people that are there and how it is kind of like a Ministry of one to the other, so they reach out to each other, and this strengthen the group. Some regular members are unable to come lately because of conflicts with Sis. Clarinda's Bible study on Wednesday. So, people will go to the Bible class and then come back to FF

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	507-421-6852	- Mary will be going on vacation in the first two weeks in March but Joanne will lead it at that time.
<b>Food Shelf</b> Liaison: Joe	Jerry & Betty Lou Elfert <a href="mailto:jerry@elfert.us">jerry@elfert.us</a> 651-341-7108 c	- Joe talked to Jerry. They had been planning on going back to the old ways of doing it; where we have two Food shelf workers. One would be at the outside of the Food shelf, weighing things and entering it into the computer. The other one would be inside the Food Shelf, helping the person get their two bags of groceries and one bag of soap, toiletries, etc. But due to the recent pandemic resurgence, Jerry is not going to make any changes at this time. It's still emergency Food Shelf, it's still the person fills out the form online. They're supposed to have a blank form at the reception desk, so they could fill it up there and we could fill it right away.  - Joe talked to Jerry about joining a group of Churches in the North area. He said he's not ready to do it this time and he's trying to figure out how they're going back to opening to the public in general was more important to him than going into another organization or group.
<b>Growing Through Loss</b> Liaison: Heidi	Sue Amos-Palmer <a href="mailto:susanamospalmer@hotmail.com">susanamospalmer@hotmail.com</a> 651-261-3125 c	- Mary said that St. John will host this year's event. the different Churches trade off hosting the program.  - Joe asked if the new brochures for grief counselling are out. Mary's answer: yes, the updated ones had been out weeks ago
<b>Maternity Closet</b> Liaison: Joni	Jacque Schmitz <a href="mailto:gischmitz@comcast.net">gischmitz@comcast.net</a> 651-633-0251 h	- Jacque reported to Joni that they're starting to see people coming back now. They have no other needs  - Mary got a chance to talk to Jacque today and she said that they have lots of clients and are busy, because of the advertising that they've gotten out has been effective. She thought particularly the advertising the Matt Farmer, who's a Parishioner, a police officer who's in the Community Safety Department. He works in schools and different communities. And so, he had taken some of her flyers to put them in several places he has access to.  - Joni will get feedback from Jacque for the February Bulletin
<b>Meals on Wheels</b> Liaison: Jane	Marian Briggs <a href="mailto:Marian.Briggs9@gmail.com">Marian.Briggs9@gmail.com</a> 651-631-9395 h	- Mary will provide Marian, Jane's name  - Jane will give update on next meeting
<b>1. Building Bridges Liberia</b>	Naomi Hard <a href="mailto:Naomihard58@gmail.com">Naomihard58@gmail.com</a> 612-616-7907 h	- Naomi is ramping up to do another trip to Liberia in March. She is requesting for a booth after Mass before she lives. Jane asked her to make a formal request next month of what she needs, what she's looking for. Naomi is the most active, vivacious for a mission at St. John's. For items that she wants to take with her on the trip, that we could collect for her or is she collecting money? Jane says that Naomi says she's looking for religious articles. Jane handed her a bag of rosaries

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		<p>&amp; old costume jewelries. Over there, anything that comes from the US is cherished.</p> <p>- Jane will prepare for February Bulletin on what Naomi is doing</p>
<p><b>2. Family Missions Company</b></p>	<p>Steven &amp; Anita Fierro <a href="mailto:Steve.fierro@gmail.com">Steve.fierro@gmail.com</a> 651-769-4327 c</p>	<p>- Jane: December 2021 Bulletin featured another earthquake in Haiti. The Church where they stayed on their visit and played with the children was destroyed during the earthquake.</p> <p>- Mary: Steve &amp; Anita just started doing the EM for the Homebound. It might be worth a while to get in touch with them and see what's going on. Find out if there is any way we can promote or support</p> <p>- Jane: Adam is working on getting his family to move here. He is no longer a Missionary. She will contact Steve &amp; Anita for updates</p>
<p><b>Mary's Meals</b> Liaison: Mary</p>	<p>Mary Kohlhaas <a href="mailto:kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org">kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org</a> 763-242-4229 c</p>	<p>- ON HOLD</p> <p>- Dinner date could not be changed because Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Mary's Meals founder will be here. So, we really want him to be a keynote. Dinner for next fall (date we're looking at is Thursday before SJB Fall Fest). We are looking for another space to do our dinner. But for sure we want to go back to St. John when we can</p> <p>- We're going to do some other fund-raisers; we usually do some small ones. One of the guys on the team is a musician in several bands. Whatever band's playing, wherever, a lot of times we'll set-up a Mary's meals table. He'll help promote. Sometimes it's an old cars show. We're going to do a walk and bike and a garage sale. Dates not yet set. We'll let you know. Plenty of time in advance if you want to be a part of any of those</p>
<p><b>Quilters</b> Liaison: Joni</p>	<p>Helen Houle 763-786-1512 h 763-350-6556 c &amp; Anne Selmer <a href="mailto:johnann@q.com">johnann@q.com</a> 651-484-5598 h</p>	<p>- Anne said that they have lots of fabrics, they have enough volunteers, so they don't need any help from that regard. They have been donating quilts to the facilities. Joni was asked to call Helen. She's not sure if Lu dropped out of leadership and Helen took over the coordination</p> <p>- They moved from the room in the lower level to a room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Mary noted that the Maternity Closet is the room across from the offices, that used to have a copier in it; called the Mail room. But now the quilters are sharing it with the Maternity Closet. Joni observed that it could fit only two tables in it. But when there are volunteers it's a bit crowded. Will there be bigger room on that level that they can use or can they set-up a table on the hall, outside the room? They need a bigger room for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday's meeting: crowded for 5 people at a time. Mary suggested putting a table in the hall. It makes sense since they need a table for ironing, and they need a couple of tables for laying things out and to put quilting stuffs. The maintenance group could set-up a table or two out in the hallway so that they just are outside the door and are still together. It's harder to use two adjacent rooms because they'll be running from room to room</p>

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		<p>-Mary suggested that Joni can ask them what it is that they want: if they want to reserve a Conference Room (across Jodie's- the Formation people), if that would be helpful or if they want tables put up during the time that they're out on the hallway. Nail them down on what they're looking for, then we can advocate for that</p> <p>- During covid, there are people not accepting donations, so now are going back to donate again. They have a box with quilts on it in the storage, they must find place to donate, the Homebound or places they've done before plenty of quilted warmers to give away. Mary will show Joni where the storage is. Prayer quilts are the same case as prayer shawls, they are blessed and available for whoever, Nursing Homes, convalescents, lap shawls</p> <p>- Joni will run something in the March Bulletin for people to know that quilts are available</p>
<p><b>Respect Life</b> Liaison: Lesia</p>	<p>Jacque Schmitz <a href="mailto:gischmitz@comcast.net">gischmitz@comcast.net</a> 651-633-0251 h</p>	<p>- In the Bulletin, there is information on the March for Life: Friday in Washington DC; Saturday- at the Capitol. Bus leaves SJB West Parking Area @ 9:45am. Prayer Service or Mass at the Cathedral. Rally at the Capitol @ 11:30am. Bus will bring you back @ 12:45pm</p> <p>- At the Parish as far as the school group goes, Mr. Steffl, one of our Middle School teachers is going to do three Pro-Life presentations for the 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders. There will also be a Pro-Life Poster Contest. They will select winners for posters. They will display those winning posters down in St. John's Plaza.</p> <p>- Soup Dinner- Jacque has a concern because she does not have a lot of people to be able to help her with that. She'd like to request for another group to work with them to prepare the soup dinner for that night. Maybe she could talk to St. Vincent de Paul (as suggested by Mary) if they could be interested in that. Lesia will talk to Jacque then Louie can talk to Matt.</p>
<p><b>Senior Sparks</b> Liaison: Marie</p>	<p>Julie Delaney <a href="mailto:julpat@gmail.com">julpat@gmail.com</a> 763-571-9633</p>	<p>- ON HOLD -</p> <p>- Julie is out of town for a couple weeks</p> <p>- Mary's future plan: Games Day in February.</p>
<p><b>Sharing &amp; Caring Hands</b> Liaison: Joe</p>	<p>Mary Schutz <a href="mailto:Schutz10@msn.com">Schutz10@msn.com</a> 763-242-4563 c</p>	<p>- Joe got a letter from Sharing and Caring Hands. Mary's Place Transitional Shelter houses 650 people (450 of which are children &amp; 200 adults) each night in the 100 adult apartments. They serve over 170,000 meals a year. 91% of the donated funds goes to the needy, 9% for the admin &amp; fund-raising. They provide 1,000 eye exams &amp; eyeglasses; 27% are for children. 37 consecutive years of a budget surplus. Over 500,000 lbs. of food donations. Zero (0) government help or united funding. Providing over 3,300 beds to adults &amp; children.</p> <p>- Mary: These are amazing, and together with Branch III they also provide the meals. It's now different because of the covid.</p>

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<p><b>St. Vincent de Paul Society</b> Liaison: Louie</p>	<p>Matt Goggin <a href="mailto:mgoggin@carlsoncasper.com">mgoggin@carlsoncasper.com</a> 651-636-5406h</p>	<p>- Louie reported that the last meeting was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of January; next meeting is Feb. 1, back to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month</p> <p>- Bill, who’s coordinating the winter socks &amp; underwear donations said they were delivered to the stores. This winter- donation drive has been active &amp; on-going for 21 years now.</p> <p>- Joe added that SVP approved setting aside money to help-out with the Wish List that the Parish put together. We just need to talk to whoever is in-charge of the wish list &amp; find-out what items are needing funding. Present it to the group this coming Feb 1<sup>st</sup> meeting</p> <p>- Mary: The Wish List contact person is in the December Bulletin.</p> <p>- Mary: one immediate need is to fix for the live-streaming problem for funeral &amp; the Saturday Masses for the Homebound</p>
<p><b>Widows/Widowers Group (W/WG)</b></p>	<p>TBA</p>	<p>- Mary: they switched from Wednesdays to Mondays, starting this January. We skipped December because of the holidays</p> <p>- W/WG had Lunch last Monday, January 17 (MLK Day). Although only 5 people showed up, it was cool since none of them knew each other before; they had great conversation just learning about each other. At the end there was this one moment of ministering when one woman telling another one about Sue Palmer’s Ministry of Going through Loss. She was talking of what a great Ministry it was, and that woman was looking for something like that. She was so happy to hear about it. It was beautiful to see them ministering to each other, which is totally what Mary hopes will continue to happen. Mary thinks it is important that they have their own space for their common experience of loss; there’s somewhere that you can talk about it and somebody else will understand because they have been there too. It was cool to see that has been confirmed yesterday.</p>
<p><b>Compassion Connects Clinic</b> Liaison: Mary</p>		<p>- Mary had a meeting this week, and a date has been set on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, for the Free Medical &amp; Dental Clinic, in coordination with the organizers and the other Churches involved on this outreach. If you are or know anyone who is interested in being a part of a free clinic. There are needs for Doctors, Nurses, Dental Hygienists. Specially needed is someone to oversee the Dental clinic (preferably a Hygienist with organization skills). Eventually we’ll be needing volunteers for the day and hairdressers, chiropractors, and those in the childcare, hospitality (working with food) and social services.</p>

**D. Updates** on who’s group is assigned to write an article for the Parish Bulletin.

- 1) February: Jane- on Naomi’s trip to Liberia
- 2) March: Joni- on Maternity Closet/ Quilters
- 3) April: Jane- on Meals on Wheels
- 4) May: Louie – on St. Vincent de Paul

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Joe: Are we limited to submitting just one Ministry per month?

Jane recommends to team-up a couple.

**E. Other:**

- a. Welcome Marie Zimmerman, our new liaison of Senior Sparks Ministry.
- b. Mary: “I want to commend you on checking with your group. I think that’s great. I think that’s what we should be doing regularly: just touch base with them so that they know that they’re seen and that we appreciate the Ministry and that we’re there to support and advocate for them. So keep doing it.”
- c. Agape Dinner on Feb 12 in St. Peter Catholic Church, Forest Lake. Father Jim Livingston from Church of St. Paul, Ham Lake. “Sharing of Communal Meal – A Token of Christian Friendship” all Widows & Widowers are welcome. Fee: \$15



**Closing Meeting**

- Closing Prayer:
- Adjourn
- Next POC Meeting: Tuesday, February 15

**Next Meeting Dates:** March 22, April 26, May 17, June 7

Minutes approved by: Mary Kohlhaas, Pastoral Ministry Office	Minutes recorded by: Socchie Fondevilla
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