

Saint John the Baptist - Pastoral Leadership Council

Monthly Meeting Agenda / Minutes

Date:	Tuesday, May 17, 2022	Time:	8:00 pm
Chair:	Jill M- Present	MAL:	Andrea B- Present
Vice Chair:	Jim G- Present	Recorder:	Joseph- Present

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Father Paul	X	Larry	X	Maria	A	Pat R	X
Mark Dittman	X	Melanie	A	Socchie	X	Gary H.	X
Jessica Balzarini	X	Mark H.	X	Michelle	X	Marian B.	A
Guest(s) & Purpose:		Neil S. represented DMC; Steve M. represented PGA					

Agenda:

The schedule for Tuesday evening is as follows:

5:30 - 6:35 pm - Dinner in St. Joseph Hall followed by Announcements/Updates/Messages from Father Paul in the Chapel of the Angels

6:40 - 7:55 pm - Commission Meetings

8:00 - 8:45 pm - PLC Meeting

Call Meeting to Order –

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Paul
2. Opening Comments

Discipleship & Mission Commission – Neil S.

- Reviewed Goals
- Making progress on hiring a full-time Coordinator of Discipleship for middle school
- No members with terms ending and commission is still full
- We went through the 62 Discipleship Ministries and categorized them ministry, activity or other and also grouped them under Core Values.
- We worked on compiling our accomplishments for the year

Finance Commission – Gary

- April is an important month for us financially as well, as spiritually, because of the increased giving we see at Easter. I'm happy to say this year's operating results for the month of April were very favorable. Sunday giving, which had been consistently trailing budget, was comfortably ahead of budget in April. On a year-to-date basis, through this past weekend – week 46, Sunday giving is now only a fraction of a percentage behind budget for the year. That should allow us to finish the fiscal year more comfortably in the black than we were anticipating last month.
- As usual, we received an update on the most significant capital projects, focusing on the anticipated costs of those projects relative to existing capital reserves.
- We reviewed the goals we had set for this fiscal year and outlined our accomplishments. Based on that discussion, our goals workbook is being updated and the schedule of our accomplishments is being finalized and will be submitted via email.
- Finally, we now have 3 openings for next year

Parish Development Commission – Mark Hammer

- Two open positions opening remain. We are still awaiting an answer from someone who was a visitor at our Commission meeting last month.
- Both people that had terms expiring are both willing to accept another term.
- Commission members reviewed our accomplishments for the year.

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- Former PDC member Mark Haidet was a guest at our meeting. Mark has a strong background in fundraising with the Minnesota Historical Society. We wanted to get his opinion and guidance on legacy planning. He spent a good amount of time talking about the importance in talking to parishioners remembering the church in their estate planning. Her referred this as the donor's ultimate gift to the church. A particular point of emphasis was the importance in asking. People may not consider it if they aren't asked.
- Discussion also occurred on possible goals and objectives for the commission for next year.

Parish Groups and Activities Commission – Steve

- Andrea Bongard was our guest
- 1 open seat on commission
- 1 member's term is up at end of year
- FallFest update
 - Had kickoff meeting last week
 - Getting volunteers lined up – still need some for bar and inflatables
 - Will have setup for credit cards to be used if wanted
 - Potential to have outreach people mingling with people around the grounds
- Filled out accomplishment sheet
- Reassigned liaisons
- Reviewed goals

Parish Outreach Commission – Socchie

- Updates as per PLC's Request
 - List of POC Ministries Accomplishments or Events that restored our Parish to Life
- Updates on POC Ministries
 - Community Support Center
 - SJB is one of the 12 founding centers for CSC, which helps in avoiding homelessness. POC recommends to PLC for approval to continue the \$3500 yearly payment due each month of October.
 - SJB Kidz Closet
 - The promotional leaflet for availability of kids clothing for those in need is out for distribution.
 - EM (Homebound, Hospitals and Nursing Homes)
 - Eucharistic distribution is on-going, and Mary is working with volunteers to get them trained and ready to meet them with a homebound parishioner or a senior living situation so that everyone is covered for sacraments.
 - Compassion Connect Clinic
 - We still need volunteers to help set up/tear down the clinic spaces, registration helpers, Kids Watch, medical & dental connections and details like: Date: Saturday, June 11 at 9am-4pm, in Highview Middle School. Friday, May 13- start of volunteer's registration are out on the flyers for distribution.

School Advisory Commission – Michelle

- Jim G. was a guest this meeting
- First ever Spring Concert was a success
- Discussed ways to further assimilate the Faith into the everyday classroom life.
 - Fifth grade Bible
- New students joined last week
- Total number of SJB Students

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- 401 in P-8
- 343 in K-8
- New Preschool class (and subsequently room) being added
- PA system negotiations being discussed and finalized

Worship Commission – Pat

- Spent time in Chapel of the Angels with Father Paul and the Administrative Services Commission to discuss and offer feedback on the plans for the latest designs
- Church Interior Committee – Subcommittee
 - No update – asked if there have been any meetings as they would like to participate more
- Garden of Life Chapel sign was blessed and installed on May 13
- Sacrosanctum Concilium
 - We reviewed and discussed segments of the chapter about the Divine Office
- We will return to having Holy Communion under both species regularly after Memorial Day
- Archives Committee
 - Want to revamp the database to keep information about our church history safe, secure and accessible
 - Will need experienced personnel, time, and some funding
 - Worship Commission agreed this is a worthwhile endeavor

- On a personal note: The Archdiocesan Synod will be taking place June 3 – 5. Archbishop Hebda has stated 3 Blesseds we should pray to for their intercession for the Synod. These are Blessed James Miller, Blessed Solanus Casey, and Blessed Stanley Rother (3rd Cousin to Pat Rother – St. John's Parishioner)

Administrative Services Commission – Larry

- Went through roster and all current members have decided to come back next year, except for one who has yet to respond with their decision
- Created list of commission's accomplishments – items included
 - Church Windows
 - HVAC
 - Doors/gutters
 - Heat exchanger is ready to go
 - Etc.
- Glycol prices are going up, so we motioned to buy our winter supply now, to try to mitigate the effect of the cost increase
- Soap dispensers work has been going well
- Sanctuary meeting last week
 - Discussed with ASC and they want to meet individually with the contractor as they are worried his vision for the project differs from theirs
- Upcoming Projects
 - Sidewalks for the playground
 - Quotes are in – one has a sidewall and the other would just pour smooth concrete.
 - There is an \$11,000 difference between the two
 - The lower quote (Neeck Construction) is \$17,000

Leadership Team Report – Mark

See attached written report.

- We had two vehicles for our NET Team, a red van and a white Impala

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- We sold the white Impala to NET Ministries
- We are keeping the red van for use around the parish, hauling groceries, plants, etc.
- St. John's Cemetery
 - Spring clean-up this Saturday 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
 - Grave prices are increasing
 - Memorial benches are available
 - Communal cremation burial set for October 22

Pastor's Report – Father Paul

- Thank you to all PLC members for their continued efforts. A special shoutout to Gary Horn for his dedicated service as a trustee, PLC member and other various parish leadership positions over the last several decades. Since Gary's two-year term as trustee is almost up, I have decided to ask Dave Tucci to be the parish's new trustee. Dave is recently retired, is on the finance commission and has been involved in/with various other groups (Men's Fellowship, Abria, etc.).
- Another shoutout to Greg Beyer who joined us tonight and is discerning being the PLC's Member at Large for next year.
 - A paraphrased word from Greg, *"My family and have been here for 25-26 years now and the experience of SJB is incredible! We have stayed here largely due to all the great opportunities offered and we feel blessed to be here to see the parish grow and be witness to how much it helps the community. I am happy to have been on the Worship Commission – I learned a lot. I also volunteer at the SJB School on Tuesdays. I am very inspired by Father Paul. He's a great leader who isn't afraid to talk the talk and then walk the walk. I specifically remember him making a point to spend time with my (nephew, grandson?) after his First Communion when he was very busy with other parish responsibilities. It really stuck with me as a signal of his good character."*
- As we close out the month of May, let us pray to Mary to help us complete the year will and help us be very restored to life – especially as we prepare for our next year's theme.

Closing Meeting - Jill

1. Closing Comments
 - a. Reminder next meeting we will wrap up earlier so that we are able to spend some fellowship time together enjoying refreshments in Pier 157
2. Closing Prayer – Fr. Paul
3. Adjourn
4. The next PLC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7.

Next Meeting Dates:

June 7