

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

Date:	Tues., May 17, 2022	Recorder:	Socchie F.	Chair:	Jane H.
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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	X	Cheryl Puffer	X
Jane Heinks	X	Deacon Gary Schneider (Staff)	X
Joe Jansen	A	Lesia Zownirowycz	X
Jill M.– PLC Chairperson (visitor)	X	Marie Zimmerman	A

- A.** Opening Prayer: Deacon Gary
- B.** Approval of minutes from April Meeting
- C.** Updates as per PLC’s Request: submitted 5/17 to Jill M., PLC Chairperson
 - a.** List of POC Ministries Accomplishments or Events that restored our Parish to Life
 - i.** Reliance on Prayer-
 - 1. EM takes the Eucharist around to Homebound, Hospital and Nursing Homes
 - 2. Caregivers Support Group meet to pray for each other because they’re in need of a break, they need prayer
 - 3. *Growing through Loss SJB is hosting the Series and retreat
 - 4. Prayer Letter & Line
 - 5. Respect Life goes to the prayer rally at the Planned Parenthood Clinics
 - 6. St. Vincent de Paul – discerning who and how to help
 - ii.** Willingness to Grow
 - 1. Branch 3
 - 2. Missions
 - 3. Sharing & Caring Hands
 - 4. Faithfully Fit

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5. Young at Heart
6. Widows/Widowers

POC has become more pro-active, we're going out and we are more engaging the Ministries. It is important that the Ministry see that we care about what they're doing, that we're advocating for them, we are seeing them, asking what they need for help. Also, the community was made aware of what help, and support are available to them with the posting articles on the Bulletin and the liaison's awareness campaign like going to the neighborhood.

iii. Generous Spirit

1. Able Fix-It
2. Community Support Center- SJB has been supporting it financially.
3. SJB Kidz Closet – the Closet was closed for a while and now they're just opening it again then shifted it from Maternity Closet to Kidz Closet
4. Meals on Wheels
5. SJB Missions- Naomi had her annual visit to Liberia this March 2022 and had great response from the people.
6. Food Shelf was on hold for a while then they did the touch-less way of distributing food to the needy, now they have people coming in and so they kind of move with the time.
7. Quilters made more than 40 blankets for Sharing & Caring Hands and other individual recipients.
8. St. Vincent de Paul sponsors donation drives such as the winter socks campaign, food campaign, the Simpson Home Meals & did individual works of mercy by each tireless member.
9. Compassion Connect Clinic- served the community needing medical & dental care, etc.

D. Updates: Pastoral Outreach Ministries – as of May 17, 2022

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR/S	UPDATES
ABLE Fix-It Liaison: Heidi	Corey Ebbers Dbrown8142@gmail.com 763-478-7496 c & Dan Brown Ebbe0006@gmail.com 612-385-6196 c	
Branch III Liaison: Cheryl	Claudia McKeown	Cheryl: waiting for Claudia's reply to her e-mails

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	<p>ClaudiaMcKeown@MN.mediaone.net 612-485-0846</p>	<p>Mary: this is the first time that this has happened that they have assigned a liaison to each of this groups, so part of it could be that Claudia does not know.</p> <p>Deacon Gary: They don't have a regular meeting. Branch 3 is part of the Catholic Charities, preparing & serving meals. There might be some other outreach and other support that they give. It used to be volunteers of people that would go once a month to help with meal prep and serve it, but not know if that is still what it entails. Touching base on any of these things post covid, is a good idea because we don't know what kind of interruptions happened and whether things are back on tract. Sometimes you also have lots of volunteers drop off too and so where we would come in and help facilitate the situations.</p> <p>Mary will try to get hold of her too. She thinks there should be a post covid report. The question is do we still want to be giving them money. If we don't know what they're doing, we can't.</p> <p>Jane: They're part of Catholic Charities, do we, SJB give money directly to Branch 3 or part of this since we give money to Catholic Charities and that they're under us?</p> <p>Mary: We give money for the meal that's made. We do one meal and SJB gives the money a month.</p> <p>Jane: Is this the one we're talking about where they changed the vendors, and the chopping of the price went way up?</p> <p>Deacon Gary: Yes. we paid flat \$400 per month. And there used to be a second party to hoist the quality of food and efficiently spend the money. But sometimes they have too higher a quality of food than what they needed and did not get as much for their money. Now the person at the Catholic Charities we work directly with, gets the money and buys the food himself. The funds are being used much more efficiently now than before. It became a lot better these last couple of years.</p> <p>With the post covid update, hopefully, that has not interrupted it, we'll see. Just try to connect to each other.</p>
<p>Caregivers Support Group Liaison: Socchie Meeting: 1st Tues. of the month</p>	<p>TBA</p>	<p>Mary: Held the 2nd monthly meeting last Tuesday, May 3 around an hour and a half to 2 hours. The first time they met, there were 3 people, this second time there were totally 3 different people. It is interesting how God has pulled it together, the second group that came were all taking care of two people a piece. So, here's the overworked people and they're there with the other people who would get their averages is really beautiful. Each one of them is dealing with a child and their spouse and so that was some tough stories. Mary is learning a lot just being around. She found that with Caregivers, all she have to do is to set the scene and be hospitable and they just need to talk to each other, to people who get it, and learn from each other. She does not know if and when there's a regular group to meet but now the people who want to be there can come and they're going to continue till summer.</p> <p>Jane: Is it like a support group where one can come and talk?</p>

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		Mary: Yes. Somebody who had some experience can share with someone who is just coming to it. It's great to watch what happens
Community Support Center Liaison:	Deacon Gary	<p>Deacon Gary: SJB is one of the 12 founding churches that started Community Support Center. We give them \$3500 annually to help families basically to avoid homelessness. This provides them a lot of help for their needs in terms of financial help in supplying some foods, etc. It's a well-organized and effective Ministry. Matthew Goggin and Bill Spitzmueller came to our Commission few years ago and talk about it. They're still in-charge of the interaction with the people in the Ministry to keep the payment in annual basis in fall. Deacon Gary gave a recap to Mary who sent it out. The intention was to put that into a vote to continue doing it. Upon approval he will let Michelle Chock know. She'd write up to Deacon Gary few months back because again, she does not want to rubber stamp \$3500 going out every year without checking in. So, he'd done that, followed up--The amount agreed upon by them and the organization is well spoken of.</p> <p>Mary: Do we have a group here that connects to them or do couple of our representatives do that?</p> <p>Louie: it's with St. Vincent de Paul. They talk about it at the last meeting. Bill reports updates on CSC, so it's on-going.</p> <p>Deacon Gary suggested that the recommendation for POC's approval of the continuous payment of \$3500 was put into a vote. Jane made the motion to recommend POC's approval, Heidi seconded and was approved by POC.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: 5/17- POC to recommend to PLC for approval to continue the \$3500 yearly payment due each October.</p>
EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY Liaison: Mary kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org 763-242-4229 c763-242-4229 c		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EM Homebound 2. EM Hospitals 3. EM Nursing Homes 		<p>Mary: 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.</p> <p>Deacon John goes with couple of other people to the Hospitals</p> <p>Each Senior Living and Nursing Homes that we're dealing with like St. Anthony's, the New Brighton Care Center have their own teams that go to those. Father Paul covers Mass at 4-5 different places. Two other Churches had taken on a couple of places that we have. When we have only one priest, they are willing to take over and cover some of those for us. At this point we're not taking those back yet. We're hoping that since they're actually in their province they would just keep those. One of them is Roseville and the other is St. Charles Borromeo. And we are in the process of picking up the Villa, maybe doing it quarterly.</p>
Faithfully Fit Liaisons: Heidi/Lesia		Mary Hartz maryhartz@comcast.net 651-491-3886 c & Joanne Lundak joannelundak2@gmail.com 507-421-6852
Food Shelf Liaison: Joe	Jerry & Betty Lou Elfert jerry@elfert	Jane: She's been volunteering once a month. When she did it, first Friday of May, it's never been that busy. They had six people, had more food donations than she'd ever seen. They're very busy for the entire time and

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	us_651-341-7108 c	<p>had to go over an hour just to get through all the food coming in. It was good because month before they just sat there.</p> <p>Deacon Gary added that it must have something to do with the lifting of the restrictions. People get the message and are more comfortable coming.</p>
Growing Through Loss Liaison: Heidi	Sue Amos-Palmer susanamospalmer@hotmail.com 651-261-3125 c	<p>SJB is hosting the Twin Cities North Suburban Grief Support Coalition's supported Spring 2022 GTL Series, and Mary helped with welcome and registration one evening. She listened to the speaker who was very good! All kinds of people, all kinds of grief, everyone at different places. It seems to be well run, allowing people to be where they are in the process. She was very impressed.</p> <p>There're over 45 participants on April 21. For each of the session there's always a handful of newcomers (though numbers of the old registrants vary every Thursday for the last 4 sessions. This is a Summer GTL Program (for those who lost their spouses, parents, siblings, children, in transition from losing jobs, on divorce or separation, moving to new homes, support for addiction and as suicide survivors) on September 15, 2022. Speakers and facilitators are rotated between the two semi-annual events.</p>
SJB Kidz Closet Liaison: Joni	Jacquie Schmitz gjschmitz@comcast.net 651-633-0251 h	<p>Joni: she checked in and there's now quite a number of clients and try to find good source for clothing, especially the ages up to 7. It's been in the Bulletin.</p> <p>Heid suggested to post this Kidz Clothing Donation Drive in the New Brighton facebook page and Joni will follow-up with Jacquie this suggestion.</p> <p>The promotional leaflet for availability of kids clothing for those in need is out for distribution and will be on the Harvest table.</p>
Prayer Letter Liaison:		
Prayer Line Liaison:		
Meals on Wheels Liaison: Jane	Marian Briggs Marian.Briggs9@gmail.com 651-631-9395 h	<p>Marian's pretty self-sufficient and self-contained.</p>
SJB Missions Liaison: Jane		<p>We talked about last meeting, and since Jane is transitioning from the Commission now, she's updated all paperwork now to take-off her name and put in the Coordinator of Pastoral Ministry and the contact info. She also removed "foreign" missions, since then to include all outreaches, foreign or not.</p> <p>She proposes to bring the updated paperwork to the next meeting for everybody. So, all will have a chance for peer-review and look over next time we meet. It should be the last thing she needs to do before she leaves the POC.</p>

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<p>1. Building Bridges Liberia</p>	<p>Naomi Hard Naomihard58@gmail.com 612-616-7907 h</p>
<p>2. Missions Company</p>	<p>Steven & Anita Fierro Steve.fierro@gmail.com 651-769-4327 c</p>
<p>3. Mary's Meals Liaison: Mary Kohlhaas</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>Mary Kohlhaas kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org 763-242-4229 c</p> </div> <div style="width: 60%;">  <p>Save the date slips</p> <p>Magnus, the founder will be here as speaker at this year's fundraising dinner. What's amazing is that a donor can feed a child for a year for \$21 (6 cents per day). They buy the food from local farmers, so the children are eating food that is local to them and they're used to. And the money's going to the local economy. They get volunteers to make the food. It has to be in an education setting so if donors don't have a school, they better get a school if you want this feeding program. It's just really an excellent program—Mary's Meals is named after Our Lady of Medjugorje because she raised her child in poverty.</p> </div> </div>
<p>Quilters Liaison: Joni</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>Helen Houle 763-786-1512 h 763-350-6556 c & Anne Selmer johmann@q.com 651-484-5598 h</p> </div> <div style="width: 60%;">  <p>Flyer:</p> <p>In our last meeting, we talked about having the quilt blessing on one of the Masses in fall but we did not decide on anything. So it was put on the minutes last April. She did not catch it before it was sent out.</p> <p>This request was mentioned on April's PLC meeting and Father Paul is OK with it and that the tying of the prayer knots will be in St. Joseph's Hall. It has also been mentioned that the group will try to</p> </div> </div>

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		<p>make enough quilts since most of the ones in stock were given away to the Sharing & Caring Hands for the winter blanket drive.</p> <p>Mary will check with them. She will talk with Teri Shea</p>
<p>Respect Life Liaison: Lesia</p>	<p>Jacque Schmitz gjschmitz@comcast.net 651-633-0251 h</p>	<p>She talked with Jacquie on the Abria Marathon by the weekend. Respect Life donated \$1000. Father Paul was able to raise donations of \$500 with his team of runners. Dave Tucci is now on the Board of Abria.</p> <p>Respect Life Committee is encouraging attendance Wednesday, May 25 in St. Odilia Courtyard- 'Roe v Wade Overturned! What Happened Now?' Speakers: Teresa Collett, JD, Director of UST's ProLife Center and Angela Franey, Abria Executive Director . We are interested to know what we can expect after the decision has been made and announced to the public. She thinks there's four more cases pending in the Supreme Court and hopefully the speaker shall be able to give us information about that.</p> <p>Father's Day- they will have a table set-up and little things for children to make for Father's Day.</p> <p>Spiritual Adoption- that is coming to an end in the beginning of July. There will be a party, with cake and then there's also a baby gift tree. They will have some tags on the tree that the Parishioners can take home. Last year, because of covid, it was only in the Bulletin, this time there will be a specific number of a certain item and there will be four places where they will be distributing these gifts: Birth Right of Minneapolis, Birth Right of Coon Rapids, Kidz Closet in SJB and Little Canada Women's Life Care Center. Newsletter available.</p> <p>The New Bronze sign for the Garden of Life was blessed on Friday, May 13 after the morning Mass.</p> <p>Newsletter from Women's Life Care Center in Little Canada. Elsie Latawiec's granddaughter, Jacinta Lagasse is the Director there</p>
<p>Young at Heart (previously Senior Sparks) Liaison: Marie Meetings: 1st Thursday each month</p>	<p>Julie Delaney julpat@gmail.com 763-571-9633</p>	<p>Met for a Cinco de Mayo Games Day. Around 8-10 people came. Father Paul stopped by, and they did the Novena & 3 o'clock prayers with him. He stayed for a couple hands of cards.</p> <p>Next month: a movie day with sports memorabilia sharing. The movie is about, Gill Hodges from the Dodgers.</p>
<p>Sharing & Caring Hands Liaison: Joe</p>	<p>Mary Schutz Schutz10@msn.com 763-242-4563 c</p>	<p>Joe dropped over the Sharing & Caring Hands Spring/Summer 2022 Newsletter Vol 38 No. 1 - - - see below</p>
<p>St. Vincent de Paul Society Liaison: Louie Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the month</p>	<p>Matt Goggin mgoggin@carlsoncaspers.com 651-636-5406h</p>	<p>Louie: Wednesday, May 11- Simpson House Meal. The members started making the food (meatloaf and Hawaiian breads) and drop-off dessert at 3:00pm. Some more people came around 5:00-5:30pm to load the food in their cars & trucks and drop them off at the Simpson House, serve the food, clean-up.</p>

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		Joe sent Mary a copy of the St. Vincent de Paul in Twin Cities' 2021 Annual Report of Services- - - see below
<p>Widows/Widowers Group (W/WG) Liaison: Mary Kohlhaas Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month (11:30am-1:30pm)</p>	TBA	<p>Have been meeting 4 or 5 months now. There has been some people who had been consistent; could be as few as 3-4 people or as many as 14. It just depends as who gets the word, who can come and who remembers. This is an important Ministry because people need to join other people who-“get” where they’re at. Met at Perkins for lunch Monday, May 9. Three showed up, all had been before. The discussion was good in that we talked about funerals and experiences with losing a spouse and got deeper than usual. I think that it was a good sign. ** Mary is wondering when is the right time to invite a widow or widower to the group? Will she leave it to the ads in the Bulletin, etc.? Will she send out an invite after 6 months or a year? She knows the Grief Ministry sends a card at the year mark. Her office sends an invitation to the All Souls Day Mass for anyone who has lost someone this year. Any ideas??</p> <p>They individually come in different phases.</p> <p>There’s a lot of widows and widowers out there than are showing up</p> <p>Question: Do you know how the current numbers came to the group? Do they see the ads or that friends bring them? Answer: Both.</p> <p>Suggestion: Maybe ask those attending when they will be ready to hear about it? ‘We’re here for you. Do you want us to follow-up with you?’</p> <p>More discussion: That’s been done a little bit at funeral intakes, not every time, but when they seemed kind of open to hear it, we just tell them we need your address because in a year we’re going to send out a card to invite you to the Mass for All Souls Day. But then beyond that, this is what we have.</p> <p>More times than that, they’re still kind of in various stages of shock, and so in making that comment, even if it sounds comforting, they don’t remember it. Sometimes they do, but most times they don’t, so they must get out of this deep grieving with their thinking pre-occupied, before they can even consider it.</p> <p>Announcement on the Archdiocesan website- Archdiocese is doing a Widow’s Day of Reflection on June 18th in Our Lady of Grace, Edina. Fr. Michael Becker is the Speaker. Flyers will be on the Harvest table.</p>

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<p>Compassion Connect Clinic Liaison: Mary Kohlhaas</p>		<p>Most all the rest of my time has been spent casting a net for volunteers for the clinic and following up on responses. Father Paul suggested an announcement this weekend and it brought in more volunteers too, so it's going well! They still need two to three more connectors- shepherds to guide the guests, handpicked for their ability to meet people, make them comfortable, build a relationship and prayer with them if they find an opportunity to do so. A chance to evangelize. Any suggestion? They are accepting new or gently used children's books to give away at the clinic. Date: Saturday, June 11 at 9am-4pm, in Highview Middle School. Friday, May 13- start of volunteer's registration Flyers are out on the Harvest table for pick-up and distribution.</p>
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E. Others:

<p>Rochester Medical Mission</p>	<p>Medical supplies keep trickling in, people are happy for a place to bring them, so they don't go to waste. Not a lot on the shelf just now, so room for more</p>
<p>Faith Partnership Meeting</p>	<p>Last week, hosted by the Department of Public Safety and invited area churches. Only a few there this time, but they allowed to share info on our SJB Kidz Closet, the Emergency Food Shelf and the Quilt Ministry. They are Ministries that others may not have in their churches, but they could send those in need to us. They were very appreciative. And they also learned about a new staff person at City Hall as DEI (Diversity-Equity+Inclusion) position. He is all about connecting people, so everyone feels part of the community.</p>

1. Sharing & Caring Hands (Newsletter)
 - a. Service Spotlights
 - i. Drop-in Center: serve meals and hand-outs to go brown paper bag lunches
 - ii. Food Shelf, Clothing Closet, Shoes Racks, Dental Clinic
 - iii. Those who move into a new place- order and pay for delivery of beds, give them household supplies
 - iv. Others:
 1. helps to get their birth certificates, social security cards and state ID's so they can get a job
 2. helps people if they are behind on rent or utilities to avoid eviction or their lights, heat or water being disconnected
 3. helps with gas money or bus cards if they need to use public transportation
 4. provides access to bathroom, shower room for the homeless
 5. provides prescription eyeglasses

Ongoing Needs: Pantry Food Items, Hygiene Items, Children's Items (Diapers, Pull-ups, Baby Wipes, Baby formula, car seats, strollers), Household Items & Clothing

2. 2021 Saint Vincent de Paul Twin Cities (Annual Reporting Cycle:)
 - a. VISITS & SERVICES TO PEOPLE (Person-to-person visits)

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VISIT TYPE	NO. OF VISITS	NO. OF PEOPLE HELPED
Home Visits	306	1136
Prison/Returning Citizens Visits	0	0
Hospital Visits	25	26
Eldercare Visits	168	159
Other In-person Visits	120	360
TOTAL	619	1,681

b. 'IN-KIND' SERVICES

IN-KIND SERVICES	NO. OF TIMES	VALUE
Legal	13	4755
Medical	8	3445
Dental	1	200
Other	81	3240
SUB-TOTAL	103	11,640

c. 'IN-KIND' GOODS

IN-KIND GOODS	NO. OF TIMES	VALUE
Food	16,704	1,415,489
Furniture	39	11,928
Clothing	10,597	425,573
Other	3,128	168,241
SUB-TOTAL	30,468	2,021,231

TOTAL('In-Kind' Services & Goods)	30,571	2,032,871
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d. OTHER SERVICE DATA

ITEMS	Numbers
Total Hours of Service (Members)	28,143
Total Hours of Service (Non-Members)	1,161
Estimated Miles in Vincentian Services	23,541

Source <https://www.svdpmembers.com/annual-reports/annual-reporting-cycle#>

POC Transition: invite people to our group. We need to recruit three (3) more members for next year.

- Joe is stepping down as chairperson, this is his last year
- Heidi's last year
- Jane's term is up

Mary: Jean Kozlowski's interested to join

Closing Meeting

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- Closing Prayer & Blessing: Jane Heinks
- Adjourn 7:50pm
- Next POC Meeting: Tuesday, June 7

Next Meeting Dates:

<p>Minutes approved by: Mary Kohlhaas, Pastoral Ministry Office</p>	<p>Minutes recorded by: Socchie Fondevilla</p>
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