

Saint John the Baptist - Pastoral Leadership Council

Monthly Meeting Agenda / Minutes

Date:	Tuesday, October 18, 2022	Time:	8:00 pm
Chair:	Jim G. - Present	MAL:	Greg B. - Present
Vice Chair:	Andrea B. - Present	Recorder:	Joseph H. - Present

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Father Paul	X	ASC - Ron L	X	FC – Marian B.	X	WC – Mary V.	X
Father Joseph	X	PDC – Mark H.	X	PGAC – Molly F.	X	SAC – Michelle S.	X
Mark Dittman	X	D&M – Melanie D.	X	POC – Mary K.	X		
Jessica Balzarini	No	Dave Tucci	X	Marian Briggs	X		
Guest(s) & Purpose:							

Agenda:

The schedule for Tuesday evening is as follows:

5:30- Opening prayer

6-6:30- Teaching by Fr. Paul "How Mary reveals the Heart of the Father."

6:35-7:55- Commission meetings, Goals Workbook

please think and talk in your commissions about these 2 questions:

- **How do we see FallFest as an opportunity to be called forth?**
- **What future opportunities at St. John the Baptist will encourage us to be called forth or call someone forth?**

8:00-8:45 PLC Agenda: Opening Prayer, share out of commission discussions, discussion based on the 2 questions above and closing prayer

Call Meeting to Order –

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Paul
2. Opening Comments – Jim Glaser
 - a. Thanks for all being here tonight

Worship Commission – Mary V.

- Two guests discerning joining
- Andrea B. joined for the meeting
- We are having vespers on Friday to celebrate the vigil of the Memorial of St. Pope John Paul II
- We have extraordinary minister, usher, and lector training coming up on October 27 and 29 and November 3 and 5
- Update on St. Therese Room donations
 - Painting of 24 roses to go behind statue
 - 2 stained glass windows
- Looking for two leaders for Adoration schedule and sign ups
- Church interior update
 - We have another walk through coming up soon
 - Aiming for January to have proposal
- Worship Commission has requested that the parish website gets reworked
 - Willing to create a subcommittee to assist
 - Looking for something easier to navigate

Administrative Services Commission – Ron L.

- Father Paul joined for the meeting

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- Jill is updating the commission spreadsheet
- There is water coming into the tunnel, so we are trying to see where it is coming from relative to the parking lot
- Doorway in lower level by elevator needs to be widened
- Planters by door 16 are deteriorating
 - Considering destroying them and building replacing them with similar but new ones
- Installing cupboards in the cabinet in room 204
- Looking to make the St. Therese Room more friendly and accessible for families
- Wondering about when we will decide we are done with renovations as there seems to always be more that can be done

Discipleship & Mission Commission – Melanie D.

- One spot open on commission
- Reviewed All Saints Party planning, it is on October 26
- Discussed our amazing programming
 - Sister Clarinda's Class went from 40 people attending last fall to 71 attending this fall
 - Family formation went from 69 people attending last fall to 94 attending this fall
- Sarah Wilder is one of the new ODM hires, she is the Youth Minister for Middle School and Young Adults
 - Middle School is still warming up with the new Middle School Faith Formation group, attendance continues to increase slowly
 - Led a Young Adult event at the rectory and around 20 attended
 - More Young Adults seems to be hanging around the parish so that's a good sign
- Fall programming has kicked off and is going well
- Reviewed goals
 - Added one goal, which is to start with our own commission leaders and teach and encourage them to be even more outgoing, engaging, and evangelizing – in essence to be more like Jessica Balzarini and Neil Steffl
- Discussed a lot of good things from FallFest
 - Good number of people despite the rain
 - More people in the fun run than last year
 - Good faithful conversations with people – even when on the golf cart!
- Motion to do a breakdown of parishioners vs non-parishioners involved in programs

Finance Commission – Marian B.

- The commission reviewed monthly and year to date financials
 - Sunday giving continues to be below budget but has been improving in recent weeks
 - Some expenses, such as utilities, are above budget
 - We will continue to monitor these items going forward, as we have a small loss
- We have approved our goals and various members signed up to make sure each goal stays on track
- Mark Dittman provided a list of recently completed and in process projects
- We reviewed the annual representation letter on financials for the Archdiocese. It runs through our financial procedures, systems, commission, etc.

Parish Development Commission – Mark H.

- Currently we have one open position on the commission. We continue to actively look for a new member to fill the opening.
- The PDC will be hosting hospitality the weekend of November 19 and 20. We discussed possibly having literature to provide for the event.

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- We reviewed the draft of the Called Forth Brochure going out to parishioners making recommendations on changes. The commission also had discussions about possible follow-up calling we may do after the forms have been returned.
- We reviewed our goals and objectives of the year. One area of discussion involves setting metrics in increasing membership for the Legacy Society.
- Bob Gabler was introduced as the new PLC Rep starting with the next meeting.

Parish Groups and Activities Commission – Molly F.

- 2 Openings on Commission
- FallFest Update
 - Netted approximately \$77,000
 - Booya didn't sell out on Sunday like normal, but eventually sold during the week after FallFest
 - Recap meeting this Thursday
- Reviewed goals
 - Going to send card to all the groups under our jurisdiction
 - Updated roster/liaisons
- Our Commission will be hosting hospitality on December 10 and 11 for all four Masses
- Our Commission will have a table and candy set up for the All Saints Party

Parish Outreach Commission – Mary K.

- Father Joseph joined for the meeting
- 2 Openings on Commission
- Discussed ways to do outreach
 - What have we seen being done at other parishes and organizations
- Commentary on the fact that St. John's is such a big parish, it can be difficult to know everyone, and to meet people
- In addition, once family's kids are grown the parents can often lose connection with some of the other parents/families since they shared similar circles for a long time do to their children
- FallFest and the postcards that were handed out was a success
- Discussed the Compassionate Connect Clinic and the cards they were handing out at their event
 - Perhaps we could make some similar for our parish someday
- World Mission Sunday is coming up, we will have tables up in the St. Paul Plaza to rep for mission groups/organizations that are linked to St. Johns
- Will be getting together in November with clinic volunteers to see if any of them are willing to take on more responsibilities

School Advisory Commission – Michelle S.

- Greg B. joined for the meeting
- We had a guest come who is discerning joining
- Marathon goal exceeded
- Filled phy-ed and J-Care positions
- Parent Info Night had best attendance in four years
- Looking at an app. to pilot in 3rd grade
- New student enrolled today...moved from Texas and sister is a parishioner here
- November Open House is coming up soon
- Big thank you to Don Neeck for the ASC and FC for the sidewalk. Drop off is going so much better
- Discussed salary scale and process of updating that this winter

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Leadership Team Report – Mark

See attached written report.

- As mentioned earlier our 2022 FallFest net gain was \$77,000
 - This is very good considering the rain and poor weather conditions
 - 2020 netted \$81,000
 - 2021 netted \$91,000 (our best ever)
- Watch the upcoming bulletins for the three-month financial report
- The Cemetery Committee is looking for two new members
- Church interior project is progressing forward

Pastor's Report – Father Paul

- Spent time prepping for my presentation about *"How Mary reveals the Heart of the Father."*
- Energy management is very important to help us guard against burnout
- We have seen some big numbers from FallFest and School Enrollment which is amazing
- I'm just very glad and truly grateful to be here at SJB with all of you
- We must strive to not become fatigued on the journey God is calling us forth on
 - We can use Mother Mary as a great example

Additional Comments/Discussion

- Discussion on FallFest Outreach Ideas led by Jim G.
 - We could have people wear shirts that have a specific color and verbiage on them which can be used to invite people to connect with them
 - We could have a St. John's welcome booth set up
 - This could have flyers, a guest book/highlight book, stickers, magnets, light of Christ flashlights, etc.
 - Breakfast and Dinner are good opportunities to invite people
 - The notecards on the tables and handed out at FallFest are/were a great idea
 - Circle of Women gave out the cards to all their members
 - They are even good to take to your place of work to pass out to coworkers
 - How can we build on the postcards?
 - Thinking of ways to connect with nursing homes to get them connected to our live streams
 - How can we make our website more easily navigable so that people can more readily see all our events
 - In general, though, who are our target demographic? How do we reach them?
 - Demographic 1) The inner parish circle of regular Mass goers, and volunteers
 - Demographic 2) The members who don't regularly attend Mass or other events
 - Demographic 3) Those that aren't Catholic, and/or those that haven't ever come to St. John's or any church before
 - If we had to finish the following line, "SJB is _____"
 - A place to encounter Christ
 - A fun place to be

Closing Meeting – Jim G.

1. Closing Comments
2. Closing Prayer – Fr. Joseph
3. Adjourn
4. The next PLC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15

Next Meeting Dates:

November 15

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January 17
February 21
March 21
April 18
May 16
June 13