

St. John The Baptist Parish Groups & Activities Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/15/2022

Attendees: Rita, Tom, Molly, Taylor, John, Joseph, Jim, Maria

Absent: Tessa

Guest: Pat R., Jim

Opening Prayer

Group Updates

- **New Business/Discussion/Review**

- Library Committee Presentation by Pat Rother
 - Reviewed library mission - Jeanne Kratzer, 5,000 multimedia items (donated), estimated 385 volunteer hours, book fair in December, no operating budget (minimum cash donations)
 - Concerns/Challenges- room is used for other purposes & not as many people have utilized the library since before COVID
 - The Library Committee is seeking some assistance, support, and guidance from PGA and PLC regarding getting a new application database. The current database is old and slow, redundant, and impossible to modify. A new database that operates from the Parish server and Wi-Fi would potentially have more usable functions, would be easier to use, and be more reliable. Potential cost would be \$1400 for the laptop/hardware. Application software can be anywhere from \$0-\$2,500.
 - PGA recommendation is to...
 - 1. Have the library committee make a list of the functions they are looking for in a software
 - 2. Look into what software the school uses and determine if the Parish could also use it.
 - 3. Look at what other parishes currently use and get recommendations
 - 4. Narrow down to 2-3 options and compare functions/prices
 - 5. Determine if it is worth making an investment into one of the softwares at this time.
 - In general, is PGA the appropriate commission for the Library Committee to be under?

- **Open Items**

- Still have two openings on the Commission
- PGAC will host Hospitality
 - December 10 at the 4:30 pm Mass (Tom, Jim, and Molly)
 - December 11 at the 8:30 am Mass (Tessa and Rita)
 - December 11 at the 10:30 am Mass (John and Taylor)
- Discussed thank you card goal
 - Reviewed thank you cards that Joseph made and decided to print more to write in and sign next meeting
- Discussed our commission's mission statement and what more we can do as a commission

Next Meeting

- December 13

Closing Prayer