

# St. John The Baptist Parish Groups & Activities Commission

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 12/13/2022

**Attendees:** Rita, Tom, Molly, Taylor, John, Joseph, Tessa, Maria

**Absent:** Jim

**Guest:** Greg B.

### Opening Prayer

### Group Updates

- **New Business/Discussion/Review**
  - Review of Hospitality
    - Things went well, but we recommend having at least 3-4 people for the 10:30am Mass time - we would love to do hospitality again in the spring
  - Council of Catholic Women
    - They are hoping that they could be notified when one of their members or past members dies so that they could pray the rosary before their service and be the honor guard. They are supposed to send me a roster.
    - They also need more members.
    - Their rummage sale is at the end of June, and they need volunteers.
  - Legion of Mary
    - Looking for more members
  - Welcome Desk
    - Doing well, they have a great group of volunteers
  - Wines to Wishes
    - Coming up in February. S
    - Several of our members would be happy to help with preparation and setup if needed
  - **Discussion Question: How do you keep Christ at the center of your life with all the intensity of the season happening around you?**
    - Reminding ourselves that Jesus is the reason for the season
    - Carve out more individual and private time to get away from the madness and get into the atmosphere of the Church.
    - Focusing on the difference between what is URGENT in my life and what is IMPORTANT in my life and not confusing them. Focusing on strengthening the virtue of patience in the midst of waiting for Christmas day.
- **Open Items**
  - Memer Update
    - We are still in need two more members on our commission
  - Thank Yous Goal
    - We signed thank you notes to go out to the groups we are liaisons for to thank them for the work they do for our parish and their groups
  - Library Software Discussion
    - *School Library*: uses Altrium - can also be used for Parishes, Tina and Pat are going to meet.

- *Epiphany*: uses Surpass subscription- is \$50 a month. Huge time commitment to scan in items (uses a barcode and scanner). Has approximately 2,000 items. NO penalty, but if someone requests an item, they will call the person who last checked it out to try to get it back. All items are also on a Word Doc/PDF. People can access the database of books from the parish website.
- *St. Odilia*: self-serve- sign in and out, no software, open on Sundays, in their courtyard
- Question for PLC: What do we want to see from the library and what next steps would you recommend?
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## **Next Meeting**

- January 17

## **Closing Prayer**