

Saint John the Baptist - Pastoral Leadership Council

Monthly Meeting Agenda / Minutes

Date:	Tuesday, January 17, 2023	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 – Cary B.	X	FC – Mark D.	X	WC – Mary V.	X
Father Joseph		PDC – Bob G.	X	PGAC – Maria L.	X	SAC – Michelle S.	X
Mark Dittman	X	D&M – Neil S.	X	POC – Socchie F.	X		
Jessica Balzarini		Dave Tucci		Marian Briggs			
Guest(s) & Purpose:							

Agenda:

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:30 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Called Forth in the Evangelization Process: Prayer Time – Fr. Paul

6:30 pm Commissions Meetings

7:55 pm PLC

Call Meeting to Order –

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

Administrative Services Commission – Cary B.

- Discussion of upcoming projects/issues
 - North parking lot has a low spot that pools water and ices up
 - Tunnel has leaks – we have a bid to do some water proofing to determine where the leaks are coming from
 - If the HVAC is replaced that will lead to some of the (most likely leaky) pipes being removed
- Together with the Worship Commission, we met with Josh Egner for a questions and answers session
 - We are starting to have a consensus on what are the most important items
 - Most Important: Ceiling, HVAC, and fixing leaking windows
 - Less Important: Refinishing pews and replacing windows
- Open discussion in PLC

Discipleship & Mission Commission – Neil S.

- Where is SJB on the baseball diamond?
 - Personal - Everyone is in multiple places on the ball diamond based on the events/activity
 - Effective – Many activities along 1st base to 3rd base
 - Need to Grow – 3rd base to home. Need to grow confidence to go deeper to disciples
- Discussed Journey to the Inn
 - Many non-St. John’s people in attendance
 - 10-12 people called to tell how much they liked it or that they overheard conversations of people talking about it. It was all very good.
- Claire Brostrom – Reach More Coordinator
 - Claire has been in her position for six months now
 - Finishing training group eight in one week
 - Followed up with all 40 trained leaders to see how their apostolate is going (Shepherd)
 - Will have 67 small group leaders trained by the end of spring

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- Last Lent 200 were in small groups
- Four training groups will be starting in two weeks with two groups led by leaders who had been trained previously
- Started to review the Archbishop's Synod letter

Finance Commission – Mark D.

- Reviewed short agenda
- Representative from CCF presented to the Commission
 - CCF is where our 5 endowments are with
 - There is a potential to add some new opportunities – one of these would have a 4% range of yield
- Six-month financial report will be in the back of the January 29 bulletin
 - Our revenue is up, but so are our expenses
- Talked at length about our reserves and which banks we might want to partner with
- Discussion on chapel renovation
- Discussion on church interior project
- Wish List Report – a total donated of more than \$21,000
- Discussion on Core Commitment

Parish Development Commission – Bob G.

- Where is SJB on the baseball diamond?
 - School is one of the greatest sources of evangelization
 - We have been seeing several parents and students converting and getting baptized
 - The opportunity for children to grow and learn in a Catholic environment is very important
- Core Commitment
 - We received more than 370 responses
 - The pledged money that came in with the replies was more than \$970,000
 - The money spent to print and send the brochures was \$1,490
 - Considering we have 2,400 parishioners and did not even receive a response from one sixth of our parish, we want to do more studying of data and analytics to find the most effective way to reach out to our parishioners

Parish Groups and Activities Commission – Maria L.

- Discussed Parish Library request
 - We will work with the Library Committee to get more signage up (on the Harvest Table, on the TVs, in the bulletin, and possibly free-standing signs)
 - Jeanne Kratzer will be attending our February meeting
 - Main goal now is to try to attract more traffic so as to justify the requested potential future investments
- Where is SJB on the baseball diamond?
 - Effective – We are doing well in all the areas with different ministries
 - Need to Grow – It would be nice to see some of the smaller “less popular” ministries highlighted more and to see more growth in those groups
- Discussed that St. Peter's in Forest Lake does a Gift Inventory of its parishioners and that there is a possibility that we could do something similar or perhaps even merged with Core Commitment at St. John's

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Parish Outreach Commission – Socchie F.

- Discussed guideline for vetting and approving of Missions
 - St. John's currently supports three Missions
 - Building Bridges Liberia
 - Haiti Mission
 - Mary's Meals
- Requesting prayers for the Compassion Connect Clinic on April 20
 - There will be an expanded dental area
 - There is still a need for more equipment
 - Putting together a link for health professionals to sign up and volunteer
- Need social media expertise
 - We want to reach more people
 - We want to have announcements on facebook to gain more exposure

School Advisory Commission – Michelle S.

- Andrea joined for the meeting
- Tuition increase was approved
- Kindergarten and PreK round-up on Thursday night
- The Archdiocese is coming out with new marketing initiatives for Catholic Schools (a new logo included)
 - It will be its own accreditation system
- Salary committee begins in February
- Discussed a new photo company for the school
- Current enrollment numbers
 - 440 in PreK – 8th Grade
 - 352 in K – 8th Grade
 - Four new students joined in the last two weeks
- Baseball Diamond Question
 - Elementary is at the 1st base line
 - Middle school is the 2nd base line
 - The area for improvement is missionary disciples

Worship Commission – Mary V.

- Sat in with Administrative Services Commission for about half our meeting time
- Lee T. taught and led a discussion on Sacred Art based on the teaching of Pope Saint John Paul II
 - Pope Saint John Paul II had been an actor prior to his vocation so he had an interest in visual arts
 - He also wrote a letter in 1999 to artists
 - Historically, the Church has always led the world in Music and Art
 - He said that "Beauty will save the world."
 - Icon – Eastern church – sacramental art, use matter to reveal heavenly realities
- Proposed adding a large tile mosaic high above the sanctuary into the Church Interior Project

Leadership Team Report – Mark D.

See attached written report.

- Chapel Renovation Project is waiting on proxy to be verified, but otherwise everything is good to go
- Jessica is out of town after leading a successful women's retreat
- Father's Ice Fishing Tournament is full
- Evangelization events are starting up

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Pastor's Report – Father Paul

- MN State Legislatures are looking to pass terrible pro-abortion laws that would expand abortion on demand rights. They will be voting this Thursday. Please pray for a conversion of hearts and minds. Archbishop Hebda is very concerned and is encouraging us to speak publicly about this. This weekend the bulletin highlights how we build a culture of life here at St. John's.
- I was at Caring and Sharing Hands with Mary Jo Copeland recently and I was very touched by the gratitude that was shown by those receiving assistance. Specifically, there was one very big man with his wife and two kids who started to cry and another lady who was willing to help out with some of the work. Some of the items being given out were packaged and donated from St. John's!

Additional Comments/Discussion

Closing Meeting – Jim G.

1. Closing Comments
2. Closing Prayer – Fr. Paul
3. Adjourn
4. The next PLC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21

Next Meeting Dates:

February 21

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 13