

St. John The Baptist Parish Groups & Activities Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/16/2023

Attendees: Rita, Molly, Tom, Taylor, John, Joseph, Tessa and Jim

Absent: Maria

Guest: Father Paul for part of meeting

Opening Prayer

Group Updates

- **Open Items/Discussion/Review**
 - **FallFest Update**
 - 2nd meeting recently happened
 - Overall, everything is looking good
 - Working to figure out how to stock the inflatable kids games with more volunteers
 - One suggestion from PGA: Could we compensate parent volunteers with drink tickets or some kind of prize drawing?
 - Bands and fireworks are all booked
 - Car show is in the works and invites are going out
 - This year the plan is to have a TV outside so attendees can watch the Vikings game. This may encourage more people to stay longer vs leaving around gametime.
 - Beer tent details looking good
 - Still open to new ideas
 - **Year in Review**
 - Thank you letter constructed and sent out
 - Assisted the parish library
 - Circle of Woman increase in attendance
 - 3rd highest net profit at FallFest 2022
 - Etc.
- **PLC Discussion Question**
 - Please consider the following question during your commission time. What can we do to further our goal as a commission as we think about next year's theme, "Gather to Witness"?
 - Support the FallFest team
 - Continue to share our generous spirits by volunteering to help/reaching out to support our ministries
 - Boldly proclaim/strive to not be afraid to speak up about and to share the truth of our Catholic faith
 - Be brave – even outside the confines of St. John's.
 - We need to have confidence to share faith with those outside our SJB faith community

Next Meeting

- June 13
- Make it a goal to have one visitor come to next PGA meeting
- Molly's birthday is our next meeting, so she will not attend
- Look over ministry list again
- Schedule a time to host hospitality

Closing Thoughts

- Use the NBIF to vet/discern upcoming projects
- With upcoming projects or requests be sure to make it clear that a solution or change won't occur overnight.
- All of our members will remain on the commission into next year

Closing Prayer