

St. John The Baptist Parish Groups & Activities Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/13/2023

Attendees: Rita, Taylor, John, Joseph, Maria, Tessa, and Jim

Absent: Tom and Molly

Guest: Father Joseph

Opening Prayer

Group Updates

- **Open Items/Discussion/Review**
 - **Library Update**
 - The library held an open house the weekend of June 3 and 4 and had about 200 people come out and 50 new registrants. The library committee is confident that the open house has informed more parishioners about the resources that are available to them in the library.
 - They will continue to promote Father Paul's Summer Library challenge. The library committee is confident that the open house has informed more parishioners about the resources that are available to them in the library.
 - The library will now be open after Sunday evening Masses in addition to the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses
 - **Decals**
 - A parishioner is donating decals/bumper stickers to be given out sometime this summer. PGA spoke about designs and agreed we like the crest with "St. John the Baptist Church and School, New Brighton" written on it.
 - **Boy Scouts**
 - The boy scouts have aged out and we have our last troop finishing up. We would like to find a way to honor their troop. Some ideas include: Something from the Scout Store? A tree with a plaque? A bench? Frame a boy scouts shirt? Scout law plaque?
 - **FallFest Update** (Update from Taylor and John)
 - Maybe looking at a different liquor provider and bar set-up and potentially showing the Vikings game on Sunday afternoon and having some sort of sports betting during the game. The hope is that would help bring a few more people over during the Sunday afternoon time frame, which is usually quieter.
 - Looking for someone to lead cleaning efforts in the evenings to help communicate with maintenance and volunteers.
- **PLC Discussion Question**
 - What can the Parish Leadership Executive Committee do to better support our commissions?
 - Better communication, more direction, and clarity of goals

Next Meeting

- August 22

September Meeting

- Make it a bigger goal to recruit two new members
- Schedule a time to host hospitality
- Review constitutions and by-laws, review group assignments and update list.

Closing Thoughts

Closing Prayer