

Saint John the Baptist - Pastoral Leadership Council

Monthly Meeting Agenda / Minutes

Date:	Tuesday, September 19, 2023	Time:	8:00 pm
Chair:	Andrea B. - Present	MAL:	Vicky W. - Present
Vice Chair:	Greg B. - Present	Recorder:	Joseph H. - Present

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Father Paul	X	ASC – Fr. Paul	X	FC – Marian B.	X	WC – Mary V.	X
Father Joseph	X	PDC – Don G.	X	PGAC – Maria L.	X	SAC – Michelle S.	X
Mark Dittman	X	D&M – Melanie D.	X	POC – Socchie F.	X		
Jill Fink		Dave Tucci		Marian Briggs	X		
Guest(s) & Purpose:							

Agenda:

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 5:30 PM Gather for Dinner & Prayer
- 5:55 PM PLC Announcements & Get to Know the PLC Team
- 6:10 PM Commission Orientation Roles & Training – Mark Dittman
SMART Goals – Andrea Bongard
- 6:33 PM Fr. Paul's Announcements
- 6:45 PM – 7:55 PM Commission Meetings – utilize new agenda template
- 8:00 PM – 8:45 PM Pastoral Leadership Council Meeting

Call Meeting to Order –

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

Worship Commission – Mary V.

- Discussed adding a couple scheduled adorer parking spaces in our lot.
- Discussed adding chairs with arms into the back of church
- Discussed ushers and greeters and AED training
- Discussed Roman Missal Chapter 5
- A parishioner wants to donate towards a hearing device that would allow those with hearing aids to connect to a Bluetooth frequency that would be bound to the speaker system. We are looking into this.

Administrative Services Commission – Fr. Paul

- Projects
 - Remodeling on church ceiling – waiting for more information
 - Window repairs
 - Nursing mothers corner – looking for quotes on how to make it a permanent structure
 - Youth Room remodel is going well – the first phase has been completed
- Discussed Recruiting/Goals

Discipleship & Mission Commission – Melanie D.

- Commission needs one more member
- Claire B. joined to talk about small groups, synod groups, and her job
- Discussed navigating new personnel, changes in roles, etc.
- We will not be selling the Butter Braids this fall – perhaps we will in the spring of 2024
- Reviewed goals

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Finance Commission – Marian B.

- St. John's ended fiscal 2023 with a surplus of \$197,700 which will be allocated to the Capital Campaign.
- A summary of fiscal 2023 results will be in the September 23 bulletin. For the first two months of fiscal 2024 we are ahead of budget.
- The Finance Commission also looked at Sunday giving trends. Sunday giving has been above budget most of the weeks since the start of the fiscal year. We also reviewed our goals from last year and modified them for fiscal 2024.

Parish Development Commission – Don G.

- Passed on goals for now to focus on the Capital Campaign
- Endowment – looking to find which people would rather give this way and reach out to them
- Legacy Society
 - Have seen growth in the last year
 - We don't really know how money is out there
- Discussed looking for ways to thank people more often for all that they give, money, time, talents, etc.

Parish Groups and Activities Commission – Maria L.

- Commission needs two more members
- Reviewed Goals
- FallFest
 - Inflatables still need more volunteers
 - Everything else seems great and ready to go
- Planning to assist with hospitality in the next several months
- We have committed to have a PGA table at the All Saints Party on October 25

School Advisory Commission – Michelle S.

- Greg B. joined
- Committee has been formed for staff
- Staff mindset is focused on development and growth
- Discussed Catholic culture and having small groups
- Marathon is on October 7
- We are still hiring a Middle School Teacher, 3rd Grade Teacher, and a Music Teacher
- We have 484 students in Preschool – 8th Grade
- Discussed goals

Parish Outreach Commission – Socchie F.

- Jim M. visited
- Commission needs two more members
- Jean Koslowski was a guest
- Mary's Meals will host an event at St. John's on October 12
- We have committed to have a POC table at the All Saints Party on October 25
 - We will have clementines with faces drawn on them for the kids
- Quilters
 - They have a lot of quilts to give away
 - There will be a blessing of our quilts during the 8:30 am Mass on October 8

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Leadership Team Report – Mark D.

See attached written report.

- The financial report will be in the upcoming bulletin as Marian mentioned.
- FallFest is this weekend! Please come and pray for no rain
- Cemetery – We have a special communal interment for cremated remains on October 14 at St. John's Cemetery

Leadership Team Report – Jim M.

- It is a blessing to be here. Over the last several weeks I have encountered multiple confirmations that this is where I am supposed to be and I'm very grateful to God for that.
- One challenge for me has been remembering people's names as that is something I've always struggled with.
- I'm really looking forward to having the opportunity to work side by side with all of St. John's ministries.

Pastor's Report – Father Paul

- Gratitude to all of you. I'm so thankful to have each and every one of you here on this special team.
- Looking ahead I'm very excited because we have so many opportunities for growth here at St. John's. From our small groups to the Capital Campaign, to the day-to-day prospects of helping Christ's Kingdom flourish and grow here in New Brighton and Beyond!
- The Ignite group music on Sunday morning Masses once a month has been well received for the most part. One parishioner told quote, "It moved me!"
- Father Joseph is now supervising Lee T. and is on the Leadership Team.
- There are a lot of volunteer opportunities and people here give so much of themselves that it is so heartwarming to see and be a part of.
- At my last presbyteral council meeting we discussed closing a parish and how hard that is. It made me reflect on how lucky and grateful I am to be here at St. John's where we are flourishing and growing, not regressing, downsizing, merging, and closing like many other parishes have had to do. God is truly doing amazing things here at SJB!

Additional Comments/Discussion

Closing Meeting – Andrea B.

1. Closing Comments
2. Closing Prayer – Father Joseph
3. Adjourn
4. The next PLC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17

Next Meeting Dates:

October 17