

# Saint John the Baptist - Pastoral Leadership Council

## Monthly Meeting Agenda / Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, October 17, 2023	<b>Time:</b>	8:00 pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Andrea B. - Present	<b>MAL:</b>	Vicky W. - Present
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Greg B. - Present	<b>Recorder:</b>	Joseph H. - Present

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Father Paul	X	ASC – Cary B.	X	FC – Dave T.	X	WC – Mary V.	X
Father Joseph		PDC – Steve M.	X	PGAC – Maria L.	X	SAC – Michelle S.	X
Mark Dittman	X	D&M – Melanie D.	X	POC – Socchie F.	X		
Dave Tucci	X	Marian Briggs					
<b>Guest(s) &amp; Purpose:</b>							

### Agenda:

#### The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 5:30 PM Gather for Dinner & Prayer  
 5:55 PM Announcements  
 6:00 PM Chapel of Angels – Rosary. Please bring your rosary; rosaries will be available.  
 6:30 PM Commission Meetings
- New Agenda template (or equivalent)
  - Question: Given that October is devoted to the Holy Rosary, please share how praying the rosary has impacted your life.
- 8:00 PM – 8:45 PM Pastoral Leadership Council Meeting

#### Call Meeting to Order –

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

#### Administrative Services Commission – Cary B.

- Discussed Church Sanctuary Project
  - HVAC System
  - What options do we have for HVAC diffusers
  - Acoustical Report from sound engineer company
  - Ceiling – Egner quote
  - There are a lot of moving parts to this whole project
  - With new quotes and recommendations, we will be thoughtful in going forward to find the best next steps for us within this project
    - Will include Father Paul, Lee T., Abe G., and others in this discussion
- School Bathrooms
  - Ann L. likes the designs
  - Will meet with Josh E. to discuss
  - Will form a subcommittee from ASC to meet with Ann and Josh

#### Discipleship & Mission Commission – Melanie D.

- Commission needs one more member
- Turkey Dinner is on Sunday, November 5 from 11:00 pm – 1:30 pm
- Jim M. joined for the meeting
- Sarah W. gave a report on Youth Ministry

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- Seeing growth in all areas
- Commission took a tour of the renovated Youth Room
  - Phase one has been completed
- We had twenty-five of our Small Groups Ministry Members volunteer in our FallFest Field Teams
- The All Saints Party is on Wednesday, October 25 from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
- Reviewed Goals

### **Finance Commission – Dave T.**

- FallFest was a success with \$81,009 net profit
- Quarter one finances will be in the bulletin soon. We are 12% above budget
- Reviewed the 2023-24 tuition past due document
- Reviewed Venmo and PayPal as options – not so sure about Venmo and thus tabled it
- Archdiocese annual parish report is being worked on

### **Parish Groups and Activities Commission – Maria L.**

- Commission needs two more members
- FallFest Report
  - Overall, it was a big success
  - Inflatables are hard to get volunteers for... looking for different ideas for next year to help get more volunteers or for a different kind of activity for kids
  - We had the fireworks earlier this year due to the rain and we heard a lot of positive response – will debate doing them earlier in 2024
  - Want to add more signage around the grounds next year
- Library Update
  - Book Fair is scheduled for the weekend of December 9-10
  - Hosted an open house in June that was very successful
  - In June 261 people stopped into the library to peruse books
- Reviewed Goals
- Looking at hospitality dates
- We have committed to have a PGA table at the All Saints Party on October 25

### **Parish Outreach Commission – Socchie F.**

- Commission needs one more member
- Jean Koslowski decided to become a member of POC
- Mother's nursing room will begin construction/renovation soon – asking mothers for ideas/suggestions
- Hygiene bags for Sharing and Caring Hands
  - Asking all commissions to make some of these in the next few months

### **School Advisory Commission – Michelle S.**

- Fr. Paul joined for the meeting
- Staffing: openings in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, music, middle school reading, and intervention positions
- 3 asks out to possible new SAC members – waiting to hear back
- New middle schooler starting Monday from Mounds View Middle School
- Fall Open House – November 16 evening
- Give to the Max Day of giving coming soon
- Reviewed Goals

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- Reviewed new tuition collections policies
- Discussed Capital Campaign School-side

### **Worship Commission – Mary V.**

- Greg B. joined for the meeting
- Becky Sharp visited and is discerning joining the WC
- Discussed the nave project
- Reviewed the Roman Missal to see what sacred items are intended for use at Mass and which are not.
  - i.e. not using a plastic chalice, ciborium, or pix
- Discussed the possibility of a glass mural/tile mosaic on the sanctuary wall if there is extra money left over in the Capital Campaign fund or if we end up taking the lower bids on the repairs/refreshening
- On October 24 there will be AED training for lectors, ushers, and other volunteer ministry personnel

### **Parish Development Commission – Steve M.**

- Goals identified and reviewed the SMART Goals document
- Discussed the Legacy Society
- The Capital Campaign kick-off weekend is November 11/12
- PDC will have a table at the All Saints Party on October 25

### **Leadership Team Report – Mark D.**

See attached written report.

- Cemetery Committee
  - On October 14 we had a special service to inter the cremains of eight people in St. John's Cemetery

### **Pastor's Report – Father Paul**

- We have 75 parishioners going through the small group leader training using Evangelical Catholic
- Met with Bud Hanzel today to anoint him. He told me how much he appreciated the special blessing and that it was one of the happiest days of his life! He really enjoyed meeting Bishop Izen and he said he could feel his deceased wife Barbara's presence.
- We received a beautiful thank you email from the family of Sharon Rasmussen. They were extremely grateful for all that we did both in helping prepare for and for how we celebrated her Funeral Mass
- These are a handful of examples that showcase how our parishioners and staff have been Gathering to Witness Christ to those around us and helping to fulfill our mission. Keep up the good work.

### **Commission Discussion Question**

- Question: Given that October is devoted to the Holy Rosary, please share how praying the rosary has impacted your life.
  - Mary V. "It is important to hang with your mother..." "Listen to your mom; she'll take care of you..."
  - Mel D. "It has been great as a family prayer..." "One time a medical staff personnel saw a lady patient praying her Rosary and they saw how much it calmed her and the peace that came to her..."
  - Maria L. "Members of our commission shared stories of relatives in their last moments of life and how praying/holding the rosary brought peace to the dying..."
  - Socchie F. "I grew up praying the Rosary in the Philippines. My family would often pray it with the priest on the radio. When martial law was declared in the Philippines, there was a big

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increase in praying the Rosary and we believed through the prayers Mary interceded and helped get rid of the martial law...”

### **Additional Comments/Discussion**

#### **Closing Meeting – Andrea B.**

1. Closing Comments
2. Closing Prayer – Father Paul
3. Adjourn
4. The next PLC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14

#### **Next Meeting Dates:**

November 14, 2023

December 12, 2023

January 16, 2024

February 20, 2024

March 19, 2024

April 23, 2024

May 21, 2024

June 11, 2024