

**Saint John the Baptist –  
Pastoral Outreach Commission  
Monthly Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tues., Oct. 17, 2023 6:30pm</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Socchie Fondevilla</b>	<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Marie Zimmerman</b>
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<b>Member/Attendee</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Member/Attendee</b>	<b>Present</b>
Louie Fondevilla	X	Gwen Schuller-Bebus	X
Socchie Fondevilla	X	Marie Zimmerman	
Mary Kohlhaas (Staff Liaison)	X	Carolyn Brandt	
Joni Metz	X	Jeannie Koslowski	X
Cheryl Puffer	X	Father Joseph Nguyen (PLC Guest)	X
Deacon Gary Schneider (Staff)			

**A.** Opening Prayer: Mary

**B.** The Sept. 19, 2023 Minutes of the POC Meeting and tonight’s Agenda were approved.

**C.** Warm welcome to our new POC member and PLC guest:

1. Father Joseph Nguyen, Vicar and PLC member. He’s a Supervisor now, teaches in the School, helps with the Youth Group and picked up a new Nursing Home Mass.
2. Jeannie Koslowski is our new member on Commission.

**D.** Pastoral Ministry Coordinator Update:

**1. Mary’s Meals- Fundraiser Dinner**

- a. Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023. Thanks to all those who came.
- b. In the Silent Auction we made \$2,740
- c. We had a really great vibe to it with the attendance of 230+ people having a great night
- d. Thanks to SJB for being a gracious host to this year’s fund-raising event
- e. For this year we’re kind of spreading out the roots a little bit in having more people interested in being involved and maybe we won’t get the money but we’re getting the people; and so it’s growing that way, which is positive
- f. Two people were supposed to be speakers this year, Ellen (the Heartland Coordinator in Iowa) and her son Mike Miller (works for Mary’s Meals) but he came down with malaria.
- g. For the Oct. 10, 2024 event: Mike and his wife

**2. All Saint’s Party**

- a. Date: Wednesday, October 25
- b. We have three tables: POC’s, SVdP and Respect Life
- c. We have a donor to buy the 325 clementines. Joni and Cheryl will pick them up from the grocery store
  - a. painting pumpkin faces, a week before the event by our volunteers: Marie, Joni, Cheryl & Mary
  - b. We also need some volunteers to cut the stickers apart.

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- c. Manning the table: Louie, Socchie & Carolyn.
- 3. **All Souls' Day Mass-** for souls and we pay particular attention to those who passed away this past year.
  - a. The invitations were sent out last week.
  - b. We have memorial candles for them to pick up after the Mass.
- 4. **Permanent Mom's Room**
  - a. There has been a sign up for those who use the room
  - b. Father Paul wants them to be on site, so an email was sent for them to come to a meeting to just do a walk-through
  - c. We need the mothers' thoughts and ideas on what they want the room to be
  - d. They met at the temporary room and talked about:
    - i. Where the entrance door should be. They decided on the Shrine side to avoid the draft from the outside door
    - ii. What can the parishioners see from looking over the wall?
  - e. Remotely controlled base-board heater will be installed on the west-facing wall
  - f. Today, Mark Dittman sent out a note to everybody to say that it may take a little longer for builders to start the renovation as they are swamped by now. We are working on it, we're just waiting for their schedule to clear up.
- 5. We made more than the \$365 value of the **Silent Auction wreath**. Thank you for that, it was a good idea. It looked wonderful and it was popular; people were noticing it.
- 6. **Young at Heart-** this coming first Thursday of November, there will be a Scavenger Hunt. The theme is saints, symbols and relics. They will have to go around the Church to find the answers to the Scavenger Hunt.

**E. Old Business:**

- 1. **Vetted Missions Proposal**
  - Put this on the Goals worksheet online

**2. 2023 Bulletin Shorts**

MONTH	MINISTRY	COMMENTS
October	Kidz Closet	Gwen: submitted
November	Widows & Widowers	Mary
December	Branch III	Cheryl

NOTE: **ABLE Fix-It** (get enough jobs when people call in or help, we examine if it's something we can do) and **Meals on Wheels** (they take orders not from SJB but from MoW) have asked not to be put on the Bulletin.

- 3. **Quilters Updates:**
  - Blessing of the quilts on the October 8 Mass at 8:30AM
    - 1. They want the time changed for next year.

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**F. New Business:**

**1. Sharing & Caring Hands- coordinated by Marty Schutz is on-going Hygiene Bags and Blankets**

- Different groups in the Parish are invited to do this as a service project
- We’ve agreed to bring down 200 hygiene bags per year; we did not want to do 2400 bags for the whole year
- This year, we’ve made 600-800 from different places: the Youth Group, the Men’s Group, the Junior High. We started with 200 from the school when they did a concert and the parents just brought them in
- Mary will send-out an email to the Commissions on what’s in the gallon bag: large toothpaste, shampoo, body wash; deodorant, toothbrush, washcloth and (optional) a bar of soap
- Cheryl talked with Marty. He said that there’s still a very big need and whatever we get is great.
- Marty is always willing to come and get them, haul them and store them in his house until he can haul them to Sharing and Caring Hands
- They need 200 new and slightly used blankets. Last year we came up with 400. But they’re still needing it because as families come in to stay with them, they give them the blanket, then when they move on they take the blankets with them.
- We’re not doing this donation drive on a monthly basis but we’re cycling this through announcements in the Bulletin
- For November: POC Ministry liaison are encouraged to call on their Ministry to consider donating in Sharing and Caring Hands by collecting hygiene bags

**2. Review of Ministries–**

- Mary handed over to Jeannie a copy of the list of the POC Ministries
- We reviewed the Ministries for Father Joseph’s benefits and to help Jeannie in her decision in choosing what area she wants to be liaison of

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR/S
<b>ABLE Fix-It</b> Liaison: Carolyn	Corey Ebbers & Dan Brown
<b>Branch III</b> Liaison: Cheryl	Claudia McKeown
<b>Caregivers Support</b> Liaison: Socchie First Thursday’s	Mary Kohlhaas
<b>Community Service Center</b> Liaison: Deacon Gary	Bill Spitzmueller
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist (EMHC)</b>	

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<b>EM Homebound</b> Liaison: Mary	Mary Kohlhaas
<b>EM Hospitals</b> Liaison: Mary	
<b>EM Nursing Homes</b> Liaison: Mary	
<b>Faithfully Fit</b> Liaisons: Jean	Mary Hartz & Joanne Lundak
<b>Food Shelf</b> Liaison: Joni	Jerry & Betty Lou Elfert
<b>Growing Through Loss</b> Liaison: Gwen Letter to the Bereaved Family after a year- Mary Kohlhaas	Marge Alexander
<b>SJB Kidz Closet</b> ( <i>prev. Maternity Closet</i> ) Liaison: Gwen	Jacque Schmitz
<b>Meals on Wheels</b> Liaison: <i>not needed</i>	Marian Briggs
<b>SJB Missions</b> Liaison: Mary (Highlighted this week-end for World's Mission Sunday)	
<b>1. Building Bridges Liberia</b>	Naomi Hard
<b>2. Mary's Meals</b>	Mary Kohlhaas
<b>Quilters</b> Liaison: Joni	Helen Houle
<b>Respect Life</b> Liaison: Jean	Jacque Schmitz
<b>Young at Heart</b> Liaison: Marie	Mary Kohlhaas
<b>Sharing &amp; Caring Hands</b> Liaison: Cheryl	Marty Schutz
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Society - Liaison:</b> Louie	Joe Jansen
<b>Widows/Widowers Group (W/WG)</b> Liaison: Mary	Mary Kohlhaas
<b>Compassion Connects Clinic</b> Liaison: Marie	Mary Kohlhaas
<b>Rochester Medical Donations</b>	Mary Kohlhaas

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## **4. Goals Worksheet –**

- We are requested to have a look at our Goals worksheet online.
- 1. The link is on the Commission invite e-mail sent by Miki Hall to us each month.
- We must have all our goals set by next meeting and add goals to the current ones:
  - 1) **Hospitality-** We have chosen our week to volunteer; Mary will send e-mail what is open for POC between these two options:
    1. January 13 Saturday & 14 Sunday
    2. January 20 & 21

It worked well with last time, when the previous team cleaned up for the next one.

### 2) Running a **2024 Fall Fest booth**

- a. Do people think this is something that we should do?
  - i. The need for volunteers setting up & manning the booth.
  - ii. The preparations & signage
  - iii. Availability
- b. What is our purpose? Visibility and promotion
- c. Is any of the committee we liaison dependent on donations to need money from the booth?
- d. Any money that's raised on Fall Fest go to the Church; there are some exemptions (like Respect Life- 50/50).
- e. How do we earn money? We can run an activity:
  - i. Spin-a-wheel (information on our Ministries)
  - ii. Coffee Cart- serves hot coffee, hot cocoa, hot cyder and hot or iced tea and cookies.
- f. We are considering the beverage cart, but we have to research what other groups have.
- g. Contact the Fall Fest Leaders, John & Taylor Burns and Nate & Kelly Boll (on PGA)

### 3) Recruitment for one available POC membership:

## **5. Rochester Medical Donations -**

- Volunteers to drop the medical items in Rochester.
  - Louie & Socchie (Sundays, October 8 & November 12)
  - Thanks to Paul & Joni for clearing up the medical storage area.

## **G. Three+ items for PLC**

1. New POC member; needs to recruit one more
2. Permanent Mom's Room
3. Sharing & Caring Hands Hygiene bags and blankets
4. Hospitality

**Closing prayer:** Father Joseph Nguyen

**Next Meeting:** November 14

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Minutes recorded by:  
Socchie Fondevilla

Minutes approved by:  
Marie Zimmerman- POC Chair