

# Saint John the Baptist

## Discipleship and Mission Commission

### Minutes

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| <b>Date:</b> | October 17, 2023 | <b>Chair</b> | Emily Carlberg | <b>Staff Liaison</b> | Jill Fink |
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Next Meeting: **November 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**

| Member/Attendee           | Present | Member/Attendee                        | Present |
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| Melanie Dowell (PLC REP)  | x       | Deb Marsh                              | x       |
| Emily Carlberg (Chair)    | Absent  | Neil Steffl                            | x       |
| Jill Fink (Staff Liaison) | x       | Mike Uzelac                            | x       |
| OPEN                      |         | Jodie Wolla (recorder)                 | Absent  |
| Erin Hardy                | x       | Karl Zabinski                          | Absent  |
| Jackie King               |         | <b>Guest:</b> Sarah Wilder, Jim Martin | XX      |

- I. Opening Prayer – Neil Steffl
- II. Mission Statements (Recite Aloud)
  - A. Parish Mission Statement: Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life: GO. MAKE. TEACH.
  - B. DMC Mission Statement – *“Inspiring and Leading all at St. John’s to become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ through evangelization and faith formation within the heart of the Catholic Church.”*

Question/Theme for the Evening: Given that October is devoted to the Holy Rosary, please share how praying the rosary has impacted your life.

- III. Opening Comments
  - a. Welcome and Introduce Commission. Discerning Visitor: Joshua Haberman. Joshua introduced himself and how he and his family came to register at St. John’s. They have children in Sunday School and Family Formation. Joshua is taking the Small Group Facilitator Training.
  - b. Commission Structure/Commission of Discipleship and Mission – Jill orientated on the commission structure with the handout and the ministries and purpose of DMC.
  - c. Welcome and Introduce Sarah Wilder – Middle School Youth Ministry/Interim High School and Young Adult Ministry. Sarah walked us through her handout on the many ministries for our youth, how the numbers have grown for programming, the expansion of D groups in both middle school and high school and the Volunteer trainings she is organizing for all the core team members. We are looking for a youth ministry intern position to assist Sarah this year. The plan is to post the High School Youth Ministry and Young Adult position in early spring. Sarah gave us a tour of the newly renovated youth room with phase 1 completed this summer. Next projects are sound panels and storage areas. Phase 2 project set for this summer is installing a kitchen with new appliances in the corner area. Funding is from Youth 365 as well as other grants and donations. Youth Room open house will be Sunday, October 29 after the morning Masses.
- IV. Report from last PLC Meeting/Other Reports
  - a. Review September Minutes

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- b. Review Written Reports. Jill added an update on Sr. Clarinda's fall classes. Alive in the Word on Tuesdays is focusing on Moses. This 5 week series has 19 participants. A series on Forgiveness will follow it. The Wednesday Scripture study this fall is on the Holy Spirit with 36 participants. Her winter study will be on Bishop Barron's Priest, Prophet and King series starting in mid-January.
- c. PLC Report this month.

V. Old Business

- a. Fall Fest Missionary Efforts Report. Neil reported that the group of 25 Field Ministers had shirts and 10 out of the 100 cards were returned. Overall it was a good experience and will continue to grow.
- b. Program Registration Update. Jill reported that program attendances are either the same or have more participants. We are seeing an overall growth.
- c. Marriage Ministry Wedding Numbers Follow Up. Karl was not available to give a report. Jim Martin will follow up for next month.

VI. New Business

- a. Set New Yearly Goals. We reviewed the remaining goals in the SMART Goals database. We'll keep Fostering Connectedness with the subdivisions and add a plan to pull information from Parishsoft and connect with parishioners for programming. We will also add 5. Supporting ODM Staff and 6. Study of From Christendom to Apostolic Times followed by This is My Body books that all staff are engaging with. Jill will update the SMART database. We'll flesh out the goals at the next meeting.
- b. All Saints Host a Trick or Treat Table. Mike and his wife Melissa will lead up our DMC table. Mike will supply the candy. Jill will work on an advertising postcard to accompany it and look for any stickers.
- c. Commission Opening Discernment. Commission decided to invite Joshua Haberman to be on the DMC commission. Jill will follow up with Joshua.
- d. Snacks for Meeting. Neil will supply the root beer floats that were tabled due to fasting for the day of peace.

VII. Long Term Planning

- a. Volunteer for RCIA Dinner Saturday, November 18 4:30-6:30pm. DMC members will mark their calendar and give commitment at the next meeting.
- b. Host Hospitality December 16-17 after the 4:30pm, 8:30am and 10:30am Mass. DMC members will give commitment at the next meeting. This date coincides with the Sunday School Christmas Pageant after the 10:30am Mass.
- c. Formation Programs Started. All programs are up and running.
- d. Ministry Events are up and running.
- e. SET Small Group Training is week 4 of 7 with some after the training gatherings being created.

VIII. PLC Recommendation Form – none given.

- a. Yes
- b. No

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- c. Recommendation Summary.
- IX. PLC Report – 3-5 items  
Melanie to report to PLC.
- X. Closing Prayer – Neil lead.
- XI. Adjournment
- XII. Next Month: Invite Jim Martin, Director of Community Life