

# Saint John the Baptist

## Discipleship and Mission Commission

### Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	November 14, 2023	<b>Chair</b>	Emily Carlberg	<b>Staff Liaison</b>	Jill Fink
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Next Meeting: **December 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**

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

- I. Opening Prayer – Emily
- 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: What does the Restore to Gather campaign mean to you and what is 1 thing that you can do to help evangelize the campaign? Answers were to talk positively about the campaign, get involved with the calling and outreach and ODM programming could use the promotional videos. All were encouraged to participate.

- III. Opening Comments
  - a. Welcome Joshua Haberman as our newest DMC Member.
  - b. Welcome and Introduce Jim Martin, Director of Community Life. Jim spoke about the elements of his position to oversee youth ministry, evangelization, and small group ministry. His direct ministries are men’s ministry, marriage ministry, Marriage Mentor couples and Welcome Ministry.
- IV. Report from last PLC Meeting/Other Reports
  - a. Review October Minutes with no changes.
  - b. Review Written Reports.
  - c. PLC Report this month.
- V. Old Business
  - a. Marriage Ministry Wedding Numbers Follow Up (Karl). Jim commented on the lower number. Possible reasons are St. John’s is not a destination wedding venue, cultural norm of young people to not get married in a church verses a venue and the faith of the couples not desiring it. Convalidation of marriages has seen a rise in the last few years.
  - b. All Saints Party. Jill reported on the increased success of the party. We had almost 300 children participating and were up by 7 new ministries hosting a trick or treat table. This even continues to

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welcome in new families who are seeking to get involved and belong in the parish as well as parishioners inviting neighbors and friends.

- c. SET Small Group Facilitator Trainings completed + Next Steps. Neil reported that the 72 who went through training will now discern their apostolate. An evening to help with discernment is Thursday, November 16 at 7pm in St. Joseph Hall. Participants will have the opportunity to be in an Advent small group setting for modeling and coaching. The hope is for the participants to discern and begin a small group by lent.

#### **VI. New Business**

- a. Review New Yearly Goals. Walked through our 6 goals and made clarifications on the vision and timeline of completion.
- b. 1c Host Hospitality December 16-17 Sign Up:
  - Sat. Dec. 16 after 4:30pm is Jackie
  - Sun. Dec. 17 after 8:30am is Jim, Mike, Deb and her son Nolan (confirmation hours), Joshua
  - Sun. Dec. 17 after 10:30am is Jim, Emily and Neil
  - Jill will fill in when needed. Melanie and Karl can send their preference.
- c. 4b Hospitality Invites. Medical workers hosted a few tables this past weekend. Possibility of weekend in January to be new years resolution goals with bible in a year, catechism in a year, etc. Jill will look into this possibility.
- d. 4c Welcome Bags. Clarification that welcome bags could be for our parishioners to give out to new neighbors that move into their area. A subcommittee could work on what would be in the baskets. Some ideas included holy water bottle, zero entry events at St. John's, a current bulletin and perhaps some holy cards. Jim Martin thought the ministry could be housed and maintained in the Welcome Ministry.
- e. 4d St. John's Program Attendees being invited to be parishioners. Discussion around how to best approach the 46 on the list. Idea to have commission member at the next ODM program to kindly start a conversation with the person. Jackie and Emily will be at Family Formation on December 6.
- f. 5a Support for ODM Staff. Ideas could include staff communicating work tasks and/or appreciation for staff as they handle the workload with 75 hours below capacity. No decisions made.
- g. 6a Christendom Books/study plan. Books were passed out. We'll begin the first chapter in December.
- h. Volunteer for RCIA Dinner Saturday, November 18 4:30-6:30pm. Tabled due to time. Thank you to Deb and Nolan for assisting.
- i. Snacks for Meeting. No snacks during Advent.

#### **VII. Long Term Planning**

- a. Journey to the Inn – Sat. Jan. 6 4:30 Mass/5:30 Dinner/Prayer, Procession, Live Nativity

#### **VIII. PLC Recommendation Form. None needed.**

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- IX. PLC Report – 3-5 items. Jill reported on DMC hospitality December 16-17, plan to reach program participants who are not registered at St. John's and DMC is studying From Christendom to Apostolic Times book.
- X. Closing Prayer
- XI. Adjournment
- XII. Next Month: No staff invitation to work on goals.