

Saint John the Baptist - Pastoral Leadership Council

Monthly Meeting Agenda / Minutes

Date:	Tuesday, January 16, 2024	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 – Mark D.	X	WC – Michael G.	X
Father Joseph	X	PDC – Steve M.	X	PGAC – Maria L.	X	SAC – Michelle S.	X
Mark Dittman	X	D&M – Melanie	X	POC – Socchie F.	X		
Dave Tucci		Marian Briggs					
Guest(s) & Purpose:							

Agenda:

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 5:30 PM Opening Prayer – Fr. Paul; Dinner
- 5:55 PM Announcements
- 6:00 – 6:30 PM Teaching Topic: Gather to Witness in Small Groups- presented by Claire Brostrom
Testimony - Vicky Wicks, Small Group Connections
- 6:30 – 7:55 PM Commissions – see discussion question below
- 8:00 – 8:45 PM Pastoral Leadership Council

Commission Question: Have you participated in a small group before and what did you enjoy most about it?

Call Meeting to Order –

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

Parish Development Commission – Steve M.

- Greg B. joined
- Discussed Small Groups
 - All positive feedback
 - Great to hear other perspectives
- Restore to Gather Capital Campaign Update
 - Discussed concerns over how we will communicate the progress we make on the projects in the months following the pledge time
 - *(Fr. Paul during the PLC Meeting) We will put information in the bulletin updating our parishioners of the progress we are making and the how projects are moving forward. It will be similar to how we have been keeping information about the progress of the pledges. No contracts have been signed yet so we don't have official dates for when the projects will be starting.*
- Discussed our recommendation on how to replace the Core Commitment

Parish Groups and Activities Commission – Maria L.

- Commission needs two more members
- Jim M. was supposed to join for the meeting but he was unfortunately unable to make it today
- We have emailed all of our ministry leaders and none of them have responded saying they have need for our assistance at the time
- We discussed the Small Group question at length
- We will be making a basket for Wines to Wishes

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Parish Outreach Commission – Socchie F.

- Vicky W. joined
- Discussed the 2024 Compassion Clinic
 - It is scheduled on the same day as our All Parish Retreat
 - Mary K. is going to ask other parishes to step up and help in the ways that we usually would
- Worked on a document for vetting ministries
 - We will submit it to the PLC for review soon
- We will be making a basket for Wines to Wishes

School Advisory Commission – Michelle S.

- Catholic Schools Week is two weeks away. Middle School will have Mass of the Holy Spirit with Archbishop Hebda on Monday.
- Ms. Lenz (past staff member) recently passed away. We are discerning how to best honor her at school.
- Open jobs: Intervention Teacher, Middle School ELA and Religious Teacher, and Substitute Teachers
- Discussed next year's calendar as Mounds View is going to the "non-Christian" calendar
- Tuition Agreement/Enrollment goes live on Friday
- Wines to Wishes is looking for donations – thanks for your generosity
- Anna N. working with the Compensation Committee will be sending invites out soon
- Discussed the Small Group question

Worship Commission – Michael G.

- We completed our Holy Missal General instruction led by Lee T.
- Discussion on the possibility of adding portable kneelers for Communion during daily Masses so that people would have the option to kneel when receiving Jesus if they wanted to
- Discussed goals
 - Compiling information on all our ministries, what they do, and who are all the members of each ministry into on big document so that we can better serve our groups
- We will be spotlighting our ministries each month at our commission meetings by inviting members from our ministries to present on their groups
- Arts and Environment has filled two open positions

Administrative Services Commission – Father Paul

- Restoration Project Update
 - Good news
 - We are close to starting projects
 - The bad news is that for 3 – 8 week periods we will have to close off sections of the main church.
 - We will do our best to plan around events and the schedule as much as possible.
 - April 28 is our tentative start time
 - Looking like 8 weeks to resurface the pews
 - We will start with two school bathrooms versus restoring them all at the same time
 - Redoing the door by the boiler room
 - We still have a lot of numbers to look at

Discipleship & Mission Commission – Melanie D.

- Journey to the Inn went very well

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- The weather was perfect
- Estimated 400 people total
- Small Group Kickoff is coming up
- Cana Dinner on Saturday, February 17
- Bri McCaffery led us on a tour of our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Room to learn more about the program

Finance Commission – Mark D.

- Only three members attended today
- Andrea B. joined
- We are hosting hospitality this weekend
- Finance review looks good
- Sunday giving is looking good
- Venmo follow up
 - We supported the decision to create a parish Venmo account
- Donated land to sell.
 - We are working with Coldwell Banker
 - We are seeking permission from the Archdiocese to list the property
- Bitcoin discussion
 - We decided to wait until next meeting so that more of our commission could be present
- Discussed AUP
- Discussed budget and timeline

Leadership Team Report – Mark D.

See attached written report.

- On behalf of Ann L. I want to invite you all to Wine to Wishes on February 3.

Pastor's Report – Father Paul

- Christmas was a great turnout here at St. John's – we had similar numbers to last year.
- Journey to the Inn was great and I can't wait for Palm Sunday as Archbishop Hebda is coming to celebrate it with us. I'm still brainstorming some creative ways to celebrate with him while he's here. It would be especially nice to do something to highlight all of our small group participants since he has been a strong supporter of small groups across the Archdiocese.
- Please pray for Jim M., his mother passed away this afternoon
- I thought Claire did great with her presentation on small groups after dinner. Fr. Joseph and I will be leading men's small groups during Lent. I received an email from a parishioner who went to our Catholic Watchmen meeting and felt prompted by the Holy Spirit to invite his whole table to do a small group – 5 of them said 'yes'! The Holy Spirit is working here and thank you for helping it to bear fruit!

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, February 20, 2024

Next Meeting Dates:

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February 20, 2024
March 19, 2024
April 23, 2024
May 21, 2024
June 11, 2024