

Saint John the Baptist – Pastoral Outreach Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date:	Tues., June 11, 2024, 6:30pm	Recorder	Socchie Fondevilla	Chair:	Marie Zimmerman
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Louie Fondevilla	X	Gwen Schuller-Bebus	
Socchie Fondevilla	X	Marie Zimmerman	X
Mary Kohlhaas (Staff Liaison)	X	Carolyn Brandt	X
Joni Metz	X	Jeannie Koslowski	X
Cheryl Puffer	X	Nilo Asilo (Guest)	X

A. Opening Prayer: Jean

B. Tonight's Agenda was approved.

C. Introductions and explain your ministries to Nilo Asilo, our guest. POC on-boarding folder will be handed over to the potential member after the meeting.

1. Mary: each of the nine people here is a liaison of one or more Ministries (total is 24) of the Pastoral Outreach Commission (POC). As liaison, we see what our Ministry needs, and we see how they can be promoted.

Liaison	Ministry	Description
Mary	Eucharistic Ministry, Widows & Widowers, SJB Mission, Rochester Medical Mission	
Joni	Food Shelf, Quilters	Food Shelf provides bags of food and grocery items to our neighbors. Quilters make prayer quilt blankets with threads for the Parishioners to tie. They are also blessed at a Mass.
Cheryl	Catholic Charities, Branch III, Sharing & Caring Hands	Sharing & Caring hands serve meals to the homeless. Donations of Hygiene stuffs & blankets
Gwen	Kidz Closet, Growing thru Loss	
Marie	Community Support Center, Young at Heart, Compassion Clinic	
Carolyn	Able Fix- It	The group of handy men & women who help elderly people with house repair needs, yardwork, during snow.
Jeannie	Faithfully Fit, Respect Life	
Louie	St. Vincent the Paul	SVdP is a charitable organization to help the homeless & poor in the community by collecting socks & underwear donations, winter coats and slightly used household items.

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Socchie	Caregivers	We hold monthly meetings with those providing care for their ailing loved ones. Our role is to be listening ears and offer prayers
	Ministry of Consolation	
	Ministry of Accompaniment	
	Wounded Heart	
No Need	Meals on Wheels	Delivers meals to Senior facilities and units

D. Commission Question: How can you keep your faith ignited over the summer?

1. Starting next week, she will read the book *‘I’m not Being Fed- Discovering the Food that Satisfies the Soul’* by Jeff Cavins. *Note: What Catholics who have left the Church mean when they say they “weren’t being fed”. How to respond to common objections to the Catholic Faith? Why Jesus invites us into a more personal, intimate relationship with him? Why some Catholics don’t feel spiritually satisfied, even if they attend Mass? How to help those who have left the Church embark on their journey home?*
2. On the third small group session on the ‘Bible Basic for Catholics’ by John Bergsma. *Note: The [Youtube](#) (Kriztin von Tilborg) class together with the book and the Bible Timeline (Jeff Cavins) offer participants with an accessible vision of salvation history as it unfolds in the Bible, showing how the Bible points us to the saving life and work of Jesus.*
3. Listening to the Ascension Press ‘Bible in a Year (365 episodes)’ on Apple podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitz. *Note: Apart from the downloadable reading plan, he provides commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way.*
4. Doing the Eucharistic Service in Senior facilities.

E. Pastoral Ministry Coordinator Update:

1. **2023-2024 Fiscal Year-End Stats** - turned in
 - a. Mary distributed copies of 2023-2024 Fiscal Year-End Stats collected by the liaisons from Ministry Coordinators, put together by Joni and now divided and categorized by Mary into SJB Core Values: *Reliance on Prayer; Willingness to Grow; Generous Spirit; Willingness to Grow & Generous Spirit; Reliance on Prayer & Willingness to Grow; Reliance on Prayer, Willingness to Grow & Generous Spirit.* This was the report handed to Father Paul.
2. **Young at Heart**- has finally have a team for planning a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Together with three women, they decided to do it on fall when it is beautiful out there.
3. **Mary’s Meals**
 - a. 70 people dined in the Mac’s Diner in North St. Paul last Monday, June 10.
 - b. 30% of the sale that evening goes to the Mary’s Meal as donations if they presented the flyers
 - c. For now, we’ve got over \$600 donations to Mary’s Meals to begin with: but we’re not sure what the total is, yet.
 - d. Those from here said they really liked the food and they’re ready to come back.

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4. **Caregivers-** they met this last week, and it was a difficult time for most of them as they are in tough transition to different situations. We're soliciting prayers as a couple of them had recently put their husbands in the facility for memory care.
5. **Widows and Widowers-**
 - a. For the first time, there were 20 attendees on this meet; two or three were new people; one expressed desire to switch to our Parish
6. **Eucharistic Ministry-**
 - a. We finally have communications regarding Confessions arrangements for Amira Choice, which has been going on since Easter. The Pastor of the Catholic Church of Corpus Christi, Father Michael Goodavish contacted Mary and said he's talking to people about setting up the Confession in this Senior apartment.
 - b. We have a couple of new people who signed up to be trained in the EM.
7. **Quilters-**
 - a. We have lots of quilts to be blessed in two weeks by Father Joseph Nguyen.
8. **Rochester Medical Mission-**
 - a. Paul & Joni are driving to Rochester to bring a carload of medical donations tomorrow
 - b. They've cleaned up the shelves today of the supply we've taken that are leftover
 - c. Rochester Mission is taking all these medical stuffs to Guam. It used to be for Haiti. They also found some other places too.
9. **Respect Life-**
 - a. looking at how to encourage faithful citizenship. So, it's about politic things without being political. It is how to encourage people to vote, to get involved and to look at big issues and to look into who they're voting for without breaking into whose team you're on.
 - b. She has asked Mary to write an article about this item in the Bulletin. It will not be very easy, so Mary's praying to the Holy Spirit to write it for her.
 - c. She picked up some handouts from a meeting she went to last week, sponsored by [Pro-life Action Ministries; Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life](#) (MCCL) were there helping with the information.
10. **Ministry of Consolation-(MOC)**
 - a. meeting this coming Thursday
 - b. kick off in July
11. **Ministry of Accompaniment & Wounded Hearts-**
 - a. two new Ministries still figuring out who they are. In need of continuous prayers

F. Old Business:

1. **Stats-**
 - a. Collecting the data quarterly June 1 of previous year to May 31 of current year
 - b. We talked about a standard form to use for collection of data
 - c. Marie & Mary discussed to collect the data quarterly so that there will be not much in April or May

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- d. Joni & Socchie to discuss and finalize the format of the form (like St. Vincent de Paul’s report)
- e. For the quarterly report to be included in the Minutes
- f. Schedule of quarterly submissions: on September (June-August), on December (September-November), on March (December-February), on June (March-May).
- g. Share these with your Ministries.

2. By-Laws Update

- a. Mary: All other Commissions will also review their bylaws in fall.
- b. Put it on hold.

3. 2024 Bulletin Shorts

MONTH	MINISTRY	COMMENTS
June	Ministry of Consolation	Mary
July	Caregivers	Socchie
August	Community Service Center	Marie
September	Mary’s Meals	Mary

4. Website Updates

- a. Joni’s currently working with Joseph on more changes.

G. New Business:

[PLC Goals Workbook 2023-2024](#)

1. **Reviewed Goals Worksheet** online with POC members
 - a. Updated: all 2024 items on-going and completed goals
 - b. Add: POC Stats quarterly, Fall Fest Info table 2025, **Flyer** – Trifold for SVdP/Kidz Closet & Food Shelf crossover. *Are there more Ministries with this need?*
 - c. Add: “Compile Stats–ongoing” & “Check that web pages are current at least yearly”
 - d. **ACTION ITEMS:** create 2024-2025 Goals

2. **Fall Festival-**
 - a. Suggestions:
 - clean-up on Sunday
 - Information table- how to become new Parishioners? Information about the Ministries. A connection to evangelism
 - b. Pass this year. There’s only 4 members who can make it to help. Also, there’s a very short window to prepare this summer for the Fall Fest.
 - c. Approved: Information table as goal for next year, 2025.

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H. Three items for PLC

1. Updates of Goals 2024- 2025
2. Stats- Quarterly submissions.
3. Fall Festival POC plans for 2025

Closing prayer: Louie

Next Meeting: August 20 (Orientation)

2024-2025 PLC_POC Meeting Dates: Sept 17(Kick off), Oct 22, Nov 19, Dec 10, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18,
Apr 22, May 20, June 10

Minutes recorded by:
Socchie Fondevilla

Minutes approved by:
Marie Zimmerman- POC Chair