

# St. John The Baptist Parish Groups & Activities Commission Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 10/22/2024

**Attendees:** Molly, Tom, Rita, Joseph, and Taylor

**Absent:** Tessa, Jim, and John

**Guest:** Greg Beyer

## Opening Prayer

## Group Updates

- **Old Business**
  - Commission short three members
  - **FallFest Recap**
    - Was a big success. We raised the most money at FallFest to date.
    - Car Show – we had 32 cars attend – the most ever
    - Weather was a big factor which really helped in attendance
    - We will have a follow up meeting next Tuesday
- **New Business**
  - **All Saints Day Party**
    - Our commission will have a table
      - Rita and Tessa will staff it
      - Rita will get the candy
      - Molly will bring a tablecloth and some decorations
  - **Discussion of Commission Representative**
    - Since we are missing half of our volunteer commission members we deferred to vote on a representative to the PLC Meeting until next month.
    - For tonight Joseph will report for PGA since he will be at the PLC Meeting as the scribe
  - **Molly's Comments on Commission Chair Discussion**
    - The first segment of our meeting is to be for the commission representative to give a summary of what was talked about at last month's PLC meeting
    - Discussed the recommendation form
      - This form is to be filled out for all recommendations and tasks that are assigned to us
  - **Room Project**
    - We will fill out the recommendation form and submit the information again
    - Greg – the PLC Team suggested we ask interior design people (Preferably parishioners) to come in and take a look at the space
  - **Gardeners**
    - We had a note from one of the gardeners that they wanted our help. These were some of the complaints:
      - Bad soil, too many tree roots
      - Rabbit problems
    - Pat Hinnenkamp is the staff liaison to this group but since the scope of this problem is larger than what he usually does our commission will help
    - We should look to see if we have any master gardeners in our parish who would want to help out
    - Greg will ask a couple of the ladies in his neighborhood who are master gardeners
  - **Discussed Commission Roster**
    - Have you connected with your people?
      - Taylor – yes

- Tom – yes and no. Library and photographers bounced back. Now Joseph is the staff liaison so those groups already have a contact who is both staff and part of PGA
- Long discussion on commission/ministry/needs in the parish/other areas for PGA to be involved/technology/room redecoration/ministry support
- Taylor for John – Watchmen
  - Jason Gries of the Catholic Watchmen board want to grow the ministry even bigger
  - Watchmen will most likely be leading the Easter Season breakfast and would like support from PGA
  - Watchmen would be interested to also host bingo at FallFest
  - Jason Gries to hopefully attend our November meeting
- **Greeter Ministry**
  - Have families greet and hold doors/hand out fliers
- **Quilters**
  - The group only has five members
  - They used to donate to more organizations
  - Maybe we could do something like offer a quilt to those who call with prayer requests?
- **Ministries**
  - Taylor – We could/should invite a ministry each month to tell us about what they do
- **Hospitality**
  - We will help with hospitality again in the coming year
- **Things to Review in October**
  - Update from PLC
  - Assign a PLC Representative
  - All New Business

## **Next Meeting**

- November 19

## **Closing Thoughts**

## **Closing Prayer**