

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

**Date:** 11/19/2024

**Attendees:** Molly, Tom, Rita, Joseph, Tessa, Jim, and John

**Absent:** Taylor

**Guest:** Jason Gries

## Opening Prayer

## Group Updates

- Old Business
  - Commission short three members
- New Business
  - Catholic Watchmen
    - Introduction/welcome to Jason Gries from Catholic Watchmen
    - Overview of what Catholic Watchmen is and the leaders that run it
      - Todd Gruber books the speakers
        - That is roughly \$125 per speaker
      - They usually have 60-65 men attend
      - They have one meeting a month
      - They have supper prepared by Chris Seiple
    - They want to continue looking for ways to grow
    - They have about 70% of crossover from men that attend Men's Fellowship on Thursday
    - A lot of Knights of Columbus attend too
    - Discuss ways to encourage more men to attend
      - Molly suggested having testimonies from those that attend to attract more people to come
      - School crossover perhaps
    - What is the target group?
      - Young dads?
      - Older, retired people?
    - Resurrection Breakfast
      - Would/should PGA help to lead/support this event?
      - We can discuss with Pat Hinnenkamp since he was the main lead from the Knights of Columbus who led the effort last time
  - 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
      - Plants always dying
      - They want our help
    - The December 1 and 8 bulletins will include an advertisement asking for master gardeners to assist
    - This is a project that can be strategized now, but will be more seriously worked on in the spring when we can actually do something with the soil and plants
  - Hospitality Dates
    - Rita will send out the dates that are available in early 2025

- **Assign PLC Representative**
  - No non-staff member is able or willing to be the PLC Representative
  - Ask PLC if Joseph can be the Representative
    - Joseph will ask this tonight when he reports for the PGA Commission
- **Room Project**
  - Father Paul had recommended Maria, a parishioner who is an interior designer to assist with the room discussion, but unfortunately, she wasn't able to make time to meet with us
- **Things to Review in October**
  - Hospitality Dates
  - Assign a PLC Representative
  - All New Business
  - Welcome new prospective member/s

## **Next Meeting**

- December 10, 2024

## **Closing Thoughts**

## **Closing Prayer**