

Saint John the Baptist - Pastoral Leadership Council

Monthly Meeting Agenda / Minutes

- We will wait and work with the new principal
- June 19 is the Parish Feast Day
 - 5:30 pm Mass
 - Dinner in St. Joseph Hall
 - Yard games

Administrative Services Commission – John Z.

- Sacton is finishing cleaning the air ducts in the parish center
- We are waiting to hear back on bids regarding the parking lot
- Water is coming into the old boiler room in the school
- Gym floor will be coming in after the school year has ended
- Working with Alliance Mechanical on **ventilation for our heating and cooling**
- Security of school doors
 - We need to learn more since there is such a wide variety of doors with different specifications and prices
 - We may have an architect come in to give us some advice
 - We are planning to use the bidding vendors as a resource to help us decide what exactly we need
 - We may also talk to our insurance company and see if they have any recommendations for the types of doors we should purchase
 - Not all the doors we would be replacing are the same size so there is a lot details that need to be discussed before we can purchase them and move forward

Finance Commission – Dave T.

- Sunday giving is 7% behind budget this year versus last year
- Expenses net \$2,800 in the red
- The gym floor will be replaced this summer, it is an insurance claim so we are only responsible for the deductible
- Our commission is looking for new members
- Looking at tuition assistance demands for next year
 - Hoping new principal weighs in on this with us
- School nutrition program
 - Lunch will be regarded as a separate item
- Discussed our goals
 - Reduce unpaid tuition
 - Beth has done a great job in supporting this goal so far
 - A majority of the past due tuition is from four families
- Discussed investments
 - We will have the new report next month

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Parish Development Commission – Mary M.

- Grateful Hearts Growing Together Campaign
 - We started a little late last year, we are looking at kicking it off on October 12
 - October 12 has the Gospel about the ten lepers and only one coming back to say thank you
 - Then the next weekend, October 19 has the Gospel about the persistent widow
 - We would adjust how we have the volunteer opportunities advertised in the plaza, but still have them accessible
- Legacy Society
 - A very generous gift came in from Don Karpinski – you can see the details in the Leadership Report
 - We want to make sure people know and keep in mind that we have a Legacy Society
 - Mass on our Parish Feast Day celebration (June 19) will be offered for our Legacy Society
- It was very nice to collaborate with the School Advisory Commission this year.
- Capital Campaign
 - Over 3.5 million raised so far.
 - We will be close to 3.7 million by the end of June
- Thank you to all of the commission for filling out your data feedback forms

Parish Groups and Activities Commission- Joseph H.

- Vicky W. joined us for the meeting
- Updates
 - FallFest
 - CCW
 - Vicky attended their May 19 meeting and it was very lovely
 - Gardeners
 - We have connected the Gardener Group with a couple master gardeners who are willing to help
- Discussed commission turnover and new members
- PLC Leadership has decided to change our title and focus to being a ministry, marketing, and communications commission
 - We discussed this new adjustment and how it would affect our scope, mission statement, and upcoming goals
- Put together our 2024-25 highlights list

Parish Outreach Commission – Socchie F.

- Summer Pilgrimage–local
 - Mary, Lee and Joseph had a discussion on a one-day St. John's pilgrimage to 4-5 local Churches, which, for now, may include those they have already contacted: [St. Helena](#)

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[Catholic Church](#) and [St. Constantine Ukrainian Catholic Church](#) both of which are in Minneapolis.

- POC is also recommending two 'National Register of Historic Places' churches: [Our Lady of Lourdes](#) the oldest in Minneapolis and the [St. Agnes Catholic Church](#) in Saint Paul.
- One of the activities planned for this pilgrimage is to give an encounter with beauty – through sacred art, ornate and intentional architecture, and sacred music.
- St. John's Vetted Missions
 - Marie, Nilo, and Carolyn reviewed the two International Mission's paperwork and announced the completion of re-vetting Building Bridges Liberia and Mary's Meals.
 - These missions will be looked into re-vetting again after three years, in 2028, when their certification expires.
- POC Ministries Central Data on the web
 - In response to the question in the Development Commission's Questionnaire regarding coordination and communication with other Ministries and Commissions, POC will develop and put on the web a List of all POC Ministries, the corresponding POC liaison and Ministry Coordinators with their contact details
 - We will work with Joseph on how this list can be accessed with restrictions and limited only to POC members

School Advisory Commission- Molly D.

- Enrollment is at 467 (390 for K-8 and 77 for preschool)
 - 43 kindergartners for next year
- Preparing for June SAC meeting in 3 weeks with new principal. Provided list of recommendations for new SAC members to Father Paul and he is reviewing. We are hoping a few new members are able to attend in June to meet the new principal.
- Update on Non-Public School Government Aid
 - A budget agreement had been reached that does **not** include any cuts to nonpublic pupil aid, but they are still in final negotiations. Please send a final email to your legislature.
 - This update will be in principal's bulletin as well as the church bulletin.

Leadership Report – Beth R.

- Apologies for the Leadership Report being late this month, it has been a very busy time at St. John's
- It is very exciting having Pope Leo XIV as our new Holy Father
 - One cool thing about him is that he spent time at Abbott Northwestern when in formation
- Estate Gifts – Want to thank Mary for doing such a great job with our Legacy Society
- Fiscal Year – We are still behind like Dave reported
- Jill is working on summer programming

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- I'm very grateful to all who attended and assisted at our Volunteer Appreciation dinner

Pastor's Report- Fr. Paul

- Last week we sent out an email with school news indicating when Ann's last day with the school was in addition to other things. There have been a lot of things for me to juggle with the principal change. Our parish staff, school staff, and Fr. Derek have been doing a lot to help. Matt, the new principal, has been in and he is already getting to know the parish better and he is willing to help.
- I want to thank Greg for his three years of dedicated service and leadership on the PLC Executive Team.

Additional Comments / Discussion

Closing Meeting – Greg B.

- Closing Comments
 - Thank you, Father Paul, for this opportunity to serve on PLC. I didn't feel worthy but you assured me that I could do it. Thank you for always supporting me and loving me like God does.
- Closing Prayer by Fr. Derek
- Adjourn
- The next PLC is Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Next Meeting Dates:

August 19, 2025

September 16, 2025

October 21, 2025