

St John Neumann Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2024

Present: Jay Hedrick, Tami Wetzel, Jackie Sutton, Paul Stokell, Nick Henderson, John Kuntz, Angela Ray, Kelly Fleser, Courtney Sauvie

Absent – Father Dury, Christina Weber, Sam Struppa, Catherine Azzola, Nate Schroeder, John Endres, Kandi Smith

Opening Prayer – Jackie Sutton

Old Business –

- The book “The Activated Disciple” Chapters 7 and 8 were discussed.
 - A new book will be started in Sept.

New Business

New members of Parish Council

Kelly Fleser - representing Women's club and Courtney Sauvie - representing Life Groups

Recycle update to groups presented by John Kutty

- Opportunity for groups to make more of an effort to recycle
 - There will be bins with lids on them that says what to place inside which were donated by Rob Smith
 - Those bins will be placed in the Rumpke bins
 - There will be cardboard boxes to transport - no plastic bags
 - Will work with next year's festival committee to do more recycling.

Committee Updates

Finance

- Offertory has increased 9% over LY
- Tuition Subsidies for school is changing and is going to a flat rate up to \$1900 due to the state contributing. Ohio people can contribute up to \$1500 and can be used for tax benefit

Evangelization – formerly Adult Formation

- Eucharist Congress Bus will provide lunch and stop at Marian Stein.

Stewardship - formerly development

- Bell tower will start in July
 - Still collecting funds for the Magnify campaign
 - Appeal overage will go to the bell tower but must reach goal first
- Father Jins moving to Johnston July 1st
- Father Fegan will be here while Father Dury is gone. He is leaving 5/27 and returning 8/27
- Looking for a Pew Crew to clean up after each mass
- Sunday 5 pm mass on hiatus until after Labor Day
 - when it returns the mass will be different with dimmer lights and the music will change
- On 6/11 there will be training for lectors and extraordinary ministers of holy communion
- Outreach fair on July 27/28 - focus on the “serve” portion of the groups

Festivals

- Volunteers needed – and could use more sponsorships
- Raffle tickets will be sent out next week if not picked up

KOC – no update

GSM

- New members joining –
- May
 - Cristo Rey -\$5000
 - Society of lady – education and evangelize - \$4000
- April
 - Father Emmanuel - computer for kids -\$5000
 - Pregnancy Resources – counseling supporting mothers -\$6000

Men Groups

- Mens breakfast June 22 in FFC 9-11 with Deacon Kevin is speaking
 - planning another one in late August for exposure for mens groups

TMIY –

- TMIY- learning how to support a life group within TMIY

Women group –

- Met recently to rename Women's club to Women of St John Neumann
- Would like more women to join as older members pass down knowledge to younger ones
- Looking for Johnstown parish to be partners with SJN

Faith and Family -

- Tuition based vs material based to support the church
 - Registration begins June
- Material box for the parents is needed for teaching

SVDP

- Supports volunteers of different groups
- Always has a box in Saint hallway and is updated with special needs
 - BWFS in front
- As of 5/14 \$29000 in account- mainly from catholic foundation endowment
- Collections are used for one on one services.
- Help other SVDP in the area
- Pray for those who do service and then we service those in need
- Pay rent for those who are struggling
- Updating a postcard that communicates the current services available
- spirituality - friendship - serve

Life Groups –

- Big push after Rescue project
- Need to determine how to communicate Life Groups that are open
- Facilitator training
 - Brian ODonnell lives in the Hilltop area and will teach how to disciple with a testimonial
 - Mentor team day with Jim Beeckman coming - mentoring will grow
 - Need Life Group volunteers
 - Training to align with Rescue Project
 - Need table leaders to facilitate

Young Adults –

- Helping with young adult life groups
- Working to get more young adults involved 18-35

Meeting to adjourn was made by Jackie Sutton and second by Paul Stokell

The next committee meeting is Sept. 21st at 6:30

May Minutes approved by Jackie Sutton and Kelly Flesser

Respectfully submitted by Tami Wetzel, Parish Council Secretary