

St John Neumann Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024

Present: Fr. Dury, Jay Hedrick, Tami Wetzel, Jackie Sutton, Kandi Smith, Angela Ray, Paul Stokell
Absent – Christina Weber, Sam Struppa, Catherine Azzola, Nick Henderson, John Endres, Nate Schroeder,

Opening Prayer – Fr. Dury

Old Business –

- Minutes Approved by Jay Hedrick and second by Jackie Sutton

New Business

- The book “The Activated Disciple” Chapters 3 and 4 were discussed and Chapters 5 and 6 will be discussed in March.
- Possible Men’s Breakfast on April 13 or 20th
 - Possible speaker OSU wrestling coach -Tom Ryan –
 - Used to do breakfasts quarterly but now doing them annually.
- Women’s club and Women’s ministries are in the process of joining.
 - Breakfast at PJ for all women and all ages
 - Great way to invite people in.
- Damascus Men’s retreat in April.
 - TMIY would like to bring it back to SJN but space is a concern
 - Need to try to get men to Damascus first and then see if SJN will work.
- TMIY includes all groups but is more of a ministry or BIG life group.
 - Talking about dividing into small life groups and then bringing all groups together on a Sat.
- Men’s and Women’s Conference pulpit pitch - need to get with Krissy.
- Campaign update.
 - \$\$ close but need to get to the final number for bell.
 - Grotto dedication – May 12 - mass with Bishop at 5 pm
 - get food trucks
 - use FCC as a backup.
 - St Bernatte statue -memorial dedication

Committee Updates

Finance – no report

Evangelization – formerly Adult Formation

- Rescue project on #3. 104 people attend on Thurs evenings.
 - Will conclude on 2/10 as a retreat.
 - 16 table groups and hope is to form life groups
 - Been doing it since fall 2022 with the most active top 20% of parishioners.
 - Great hospitality team and appreciates Sonya's help - both have turned space into a home.
 - Consider doing it in the Easter season but time and space may be an issue.
 - The goal is to have it once or twice a year with the end of the funnel to develop life groups.
- OCI - 15 individuals at different stages of formation
 - Open enrollment or rolling admissions.
 - Once baptized they can come in church when they are ready.
 - Baptized at easter vigil.
- Rite of welcome this Sunday which formally begins the pathway of sacrament whenever that ends.
- National Eucharist Congress
 - Purchased 20 tickets for the pass from the diocese.
 - Purchased 45 tickets for full the pass, and busing, and given access to the hotel block from the conference.
 - The bus ride will stop at Marian Shrine for lunch and then on to Indianapolis.
 - includes passes and lodging.
 - SJN priority until May--25 rooms
- Parish mission March 18/19 - pick one night or other same session focus on Eucharist

Stewardship - formerly development

- Offertory pledge drive is doing great publishing the results in the bulletin
- Wrapping up the outreach efforts

Festivals-no update

KOC – no report

GSM

- They gave out \$14k during the month of Jan. to organizations who requested money to support their cause.

Men/Women Groups – no report

TMIY – report given in new business

Faith and Family

- First and second grades doing a box program- Seek- that does instruction as a family at home
 - 4 sessions on campus
- Second grade prepping for reconciliation
- A survey was taken and results are - Family of Faith -program is working.
 - Survey of parents -
 - 67% connect with other parents
 - 47% reconnect with faith
 - 20% attend mass more often
 - 74% talk about faith at home.
 - 30% attend mass more
 - 90% have more conversations as a family

SVDP

- Fiscal year we have helped 8 other parishes - \$4500
- Locally 14 people - \$22,500
 - help to pay rent.
 - Help a person once a calendar year
- BWFS provides about 60 ham/turkey – Sonja to help store
- The Diocese provides leadership training.
- Any member can attend a training this week on Jan. 20th
- Jackie answered the call to be the parish spiritual advisor
- They are now using a software program – ServWare- for data base collection to keep track of their people

Life Groups

- Life groups long-term model in the parish
- We have about 65 groups and some have been around 15 years.
 - some groups closed, new groups forming, some open
 - Kate has some people helping her out with life group ministries.

Young Adults – no report

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

The next committee meeting is March 12th at 6:30

Respectfully submitted by Tami Wetzel, Parish Council Secretary