

## St John Neumann Parish Council

### Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2024

Present: Father Dury, Father Fox, Jay Hedrick, Tim Gose, Tami Wetzel, Jackie Sutton, Kandi Smith, Paul Stokell, Nate Schroeder, John Andres, Angela Ray, Kelly Fleaser, Courtney Sauvie, Gabe Gessler

Absent – Christina Weber, Sam Struppa, Catherine Azzola, Mike McDonough

### **Opening Prayer** – Father Dury

### **Old Business** –

Review Constitution for revisions-Each member to review and bring recommended changes to Nov. meeting.

### **New Business**

- New member of Parish Council
  - Gabe Gessler – representing young adults
- The purpose of the Parish Council is for Father to share the vision of the Parish to group leaders who then pass it onto their perspective groups
  - This will be a 2-way street with leaders bringing ideas to Father and Parish Council
  - Forward thinking ideas about things going and can be improved within Parish that can be shared other with members.
- Discipleship Pathway at SJN is to bring people to Christ
  - Goal is to lead people to transformative way to Christ
  - Various ways
    - Life groups
    - TMIY
    - She – “She shall be called”- is a group for all women
    - Paul group’s
    - Family
    - Pray- foundation
  - Study the faith - learn -love more - and have prayer be the foundation
  - Go out and serve - be like Christ Sacred Heart
  - Over 60 life groups with mentors
    - Original life group was Jesus and his Apostles
    - The goal is to find someone you don’t know and welcome them into our Parish or Life Groups
    - Focus on 4 pillars - formation –service– fellowship-worship

- Community Liaison - will now be Tim Gose who is now the Parish Council Vice Chair
  - Working with ODOT traffic study at Carters Corner intersection
    - By law, need to put a light at the intersection.
- We are in the top 5% of halo users
- Will be monitoring social media for clicks on the weekly homilies.

**Book club- “You Did It to Me” A Practical Guide to Mercy in Action by Michael E. Gaitley, MIC**

- Corporal works of mercy
  - Demonstrate mercy through the works
  - We are growing
- Better to give than receive
- Lead people to Jesus Christ
- Win Win when we serve, we serve Christ by serving others
- True mercy is a 2-way street
  - When we help someone, we can help ourselves
  - When consoling neighbors, we are consoling Jesus
- Put mercy into Action
- Next chapter thru Chapter 4 for next meeting

**Group Updates**

**Finance**

- Around campus
  - Neumann room was repurposed to become a server sacristy
    - Plenty of room to store personal belongings.
  - Bell tower will take a little longer to complete
  - Enlarge sacristy to help Priests prepare for something great.
    - Maintenance will do most of the work
  - New sign in front
  - External Speakers on top of roof of FCC– will eliminate having to set up speakers for outside activities
  - Buffing floors Oct 2/3
  - Annual report coming out soon- It has been a great year from parishioners
    - Bishops Annual Appeal- met our goal
  - New member welcome event is looking at ways to incorporate new parishioners and getting them involved
    - May need ideas from whole parish.

## **Evangelization**

- Rescue project
  - 100 people participated this time and after trying to get team into life groups
  - Getting calls from parishes doing it for the first time for our advice
  - Evangelization Team has been great
- OCI has no deadline if people want to become catholic

## **Men's group**

- Finding young men to join as they grow.

## **Women group**

- Deserts for Oct fest were dropped off week prior to festival
- Bazaar in Nov – noodles have been made and pies will be made in Oct

## **Family of faith**

- Broke into 2 sessions due to number of participants - Sun and Tues night.
- Parents are growing in faith as much as kids – parents are being transformed
- The country is going to the family model, and we were the first to start it.
- Will take suggestions on how to improve - but the Bishop is happy –
  - stats showing an increase in mass and prayer at home
- Possible future goal is getting age range parents together
- Church Looking at the readiness of the individual – offer them to the sacraments and open the church to them.
- Start 1<sup>st</sup> grade and not just a sacrament but an encounter with Jesus

## **Young Adults**

- Young adult conference at St Joan of Arc 10/19

## **SVDP**

- Bringing people to a transformative encounter with Jesu is exactly what SVDP does
  - Leading people to serve
  - Using prayer at meetings
  - SVDP pillars are - Spirituality, friendship, and service
- Group of 30 working in our area zip code to be the face of Christ
  - Recent SVDP Day of Recollection focused on “Being the face Christ and seeing the face of Christ”
- People who call for assistance have not been the poorest- but feel they have hit the bottom
  - Have helped 90 plus people- adults and children - 5/1 to 8/30/24
- Work with other parishes to help them if they have less of a budget
- 9/28/24 Friends of the Poor Walk at St. Francis DeSales HS - all donations stay within the parish

## **Festival**

- October Fest money net proceeds go to Father to decide where to go

## **KOC**

- 40 days to life – praying on Broad St on 10/19
- Blending well with Men's Groups
- Would like to bring the community together for a pancake breakfast each month
  - Beginning stages of talking
- Recommend putting pictures of people at events on the TV's where calendar is

## **Life Groups**

- Connect with Paul (or Kate) and what it means to be in a life group.
- Currently 62 life groups and 19 mentors
  - Connect-Study-Serve-Pray
  - How can you live faith and how can disciple
  - Mission-Missionary-Disciples
- Enrichment days- go as a disciple outward and get clarity

Meeting to adjourn was made by Nate Schroeder and second by Tim Gose

The next committee meeting is Nov. 19th at 6:30

Sept. Minutes approved by Jackie Sutton and Jay Hedrick and Paul Stokell

Respectfully submitted by Tami Wetzel, Parish Council Secretary