

St John Neumann Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Sept 20, 2022

Present: Fr. Dury, Bob Hettersheidt, Tami Wetzel, Jackie Sutton, John Kutys, Jay Hedrick, Kandi Smith, Bob Scott, Paul Stokell, Nate Schroeder, Nick Henderson, Jud Sheaf, Christina Weber
Absent – Nick Henderson, and Jud Sheaf

Need reps for the following people: Mike Bruening, and Christina Weber

Opening Prayer – Father Dury

Old Business – Father Dury

- Discussion on Part 2 “Captured” of the book Rescued
 - Discussed exposing the enemy
 - His identity, reason, names, root strategy, tactics, and goal.
 - The grace of despair helps us see how dire our situation is; that we have literally been captured and are in need of rescue.
 - Went over discussion questions.
 - Can go to rescueproject.us to get more information
- Parish Vision
 - Get groups to form life groups to pray, study, serve and come closer to Jesus.
 - Goal to come to mass and confession more.
 - Once done with the rescue project will have the tools to form and know what to do in the life groups
 - Looking forward to seeing how many life groups will form after the rescue project
 - Those groups become the format of service/prayer-saving souls

New Business – Father Dury

- Master Planning Process – Real Presence Real Future Recommendations
 - Elementary school on our campus and possible HS in Delaware County
 - Our parish will run the elementary school and the Diocese will run the HS
 - A company – Meitler which specialized in catholic studies will run a feasibility study and provide a report to us to help us understand the timing. It will also include surrounding areas like Johnstown and St Paul as well as our parish
 - Phase 1
 - Potential expansion of pavilion
 - Need for additional meeting space
 - Indoor/outdoor where small groups could meet.
 - Marian grotto
 - Extra parking will come with the elementary school

- A building committee is set up which has experience will be working with Father
- Kitchen Manger - Sonya Delaney
 - Will assist with the ministries here at SJN
 - Has experience
 - Taking inventory
 - Determine the amount of food needed for an event and order
 - Equipment monitoring
 - Assure kitchen is safe and sanitized for food preparation.

Committee Updates

- Festivals – Oct fest. - Kandi
 - All permits are in
 - Team ready for the event on Oct. 1
- Finance – Bob Scott
 - Parish is in very good shape thanks to Parishioners
 - Bob presented the year-end finance report
- Family of Faith Ministry - Christina
 - New program has started at multi-levels
 - Parents confused about when to be on site
 - Seek – Faith – Family
 - Goal is to have conversations at home with layers of support from the parish.
 - Grades 1-2 are set up like vacation bible school
 - Children come with parents and talk together
 - Grades 3-5 are set up like a community night.
 - Currently teaching the rosary. The goal of getting the basic prayers known and said, by emphasizing daily prayer and saying the rosary.
 - Children can get reward tickets for knowing prayers which is currently an opportunity for the children
 - Need a quiet center to go more in-depth about what the prayers mean.
 - Biggest opportunity overall is to get the parents involved
 - 4th Tues of each month there is a collaboration of sharing what needs to be done. 12 parents are leading.
 - Getting ready for the next community night ready.

- AFF- Paul
 - Rescue Project Thurs 145 participants Sun 125 participants
 - Sessions include a full meal, a video episode between 35-55 minutes, and time for discussion. Teams of volunteers have been assisting with facilities use, catering, and support during and between the meetings. This has included members of the AFF Team and the OCI Team. Much of the efforts behind this presentation are similar to SJN's use of The Alpha Course from 2015-2017, and several of those have been simplified.
 - Several parishes from Columbus Diocese, Cleveland Diocese, and one from Dallas, TX (!) have reached out to us to see how we are doing this presentation. SJN is one of three "early adopter" parishes that have begun use of *The Rescue Project*, which was launched on August 20.
 - Another eight-week presentation will take place on Wednesdays after 11:00 a.m. Mass, beginning January 4 and running through the end of February. Registrations for this are open and ongoing.
 - OCI Inquirers, ongoing Candidates, and Sponsors meet during these sessions.
 - **Parish Men's Breakfasts** - Two Men's Breakfasts, usually held on Saturday mornings, had been scheduled. We are waiting, however, until we can book an appearance by Bishop Fernandes to hold our first Breakfast.
 - **Parish Lenten Mission**
 - Greg Kandra, a Deacon of the Diocese of Brooklyn, NY (where Bishop Robert Brennan is now assigned) will be our facilitator for the Lenten Mission on March 27 & 28, 2023. Deacon Greg is a nationally known author and one time writer/editor for CBS News and collaborator with journalists such as Katie Couric.

Meeting to adjourn made by John Kutys and second by Bob Hetterscheit
 The next committee meeting is Nov 15th at 6:30
 Respectfully submitted by Tami Wetzel, Parish Council Secretary