

**St. John Neumann
Parish Council Meeting
November 14, 2017 – 6:30pm**

Fr. Paul Noble		Jay Hedrick/ Brian Bauman	p	Diana Stankiewicz	
Anita Cochran	p	John Kutys	p	Jim Sullivan	
Bob Hetterscheidt		Jackie Sutton	p	Pat Grenell	p
Bob Scott	e	Paul Stokell	e	Leslie Heilman	e
Kandi Smith	e	Arlene McPherson	e	Jim Shiley	e
Joel Sanchez					

Parish Council Attendance: P = present; e=excused

Bob opened the meeting with the new meeting prayer that Jackie brought. A motion to approve the October minutes was made by John Kutys and seconded by Brian. Motion passed.

Old Business

1. Review constitution; John Kutys motioned to accept and Brian Bauman seconded; Pat to accept changes and send back out to group
2. How better communicate w/other groups – reviewed the many ways we communicate what is happening. A good example of how the communication is working is the work being done with the prison ministry. Need to keep communication in the forefront and improve as we can.

New Business

1. Pulpit pitches – want to know how they are accepted; encourage parish to give feedback; suggestion was made to also make an electronic survey available

Committee Reports:

Father Paul Noble

1. Needs assessment survey for the parish: We would like to conduct this survey after the first of the year. We bring this to your attention at this time for your input regarding scope and method. The method we used the last 2 times was reviewed. We need to identify leaders so that we can begin the process. Should have on the agenda for January.
2. Pulpit swap: For the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (December 8), I have invited Father Cyrus Haddad (pronounced: “had” “dad”) to celebrate the Masses and to address the congregation of St. John Neumann regarding the needs

of the Perry County Consortium of Catholic Parishes. The collection taken at those Masses will go with Father Haddad to help address those needs.

3. Mid-night Mass for Christmas will be at 10 p.m.

Business Manager

1. Since we have Adoration 24/7 we will be cleaning the Adoration Chapel on Fridays while we have Mass in the main Sanctuary.
2. Groups using the projectors must remember to shut off the A/V system. If the screens are down the projectors are on. All you need to do is access the wall pad and touch the off icon. When the screens go up the projectors go off. This is continuing to be an issue.
3. The projector in FFC Room C has been broken. It appears that something hit it and shattered the Bulb. No damage report was turned in to the office. Repairs were made and it is up and running.
4. SJN will be a platinum sponsor for Sunbury's Christmas on the Square. It will be held December 2 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM.
5. We added cleaning supplies to two closets, one in the lower level of the FFC and the other in the lower level of the Parish Offices. This allows groups who are meeting to help by cleaning up after themselves.
6. New microphones were installed for the Presider's Chair, the Altar, and the Ambo. Instructions have been published for the Lectors along with a short video on the Ambo Mic's use.
7. Hooked up all classroom DVD players to the internet.
8. Mike Hajdin has upgraded the bandwidth of our Wi Fi and installed a new firewall.
9. We are adding lights to the Gospel Writers Statues in the Sanctuary. This has proven to be a larger task that anticipated. It should be completed by the beginning of November.
10. We are repairing a section of the parking lot west of the FFC. This area holds water and during the winter it freezes over and becomes a serious hazard.
11. Intention Caps will be placed on all our votive candles. This is in response to a suggestion made during our annual safety audit.
12. On Monday, October 30, all of our restrooms steam cleaned. I was not satisfied with the results so I will be meeting with the vendor to discuss alternatives.
13. We are installed a back up generator for the Rectory. It has already been used due to a power outage.
14. Flowers were placed at the Altar, in front of the Adoration Chapel, and by the Military Bulletin Board for Veteran's Day.
15. Gave tours of our facilities to Our Lady of Lourdes, Marysville and Joan of Ark, Columbus. They are considering expiation projects.

Finance

No meeting this month

Development Report

1. Offertory – Choose Today! We are at 39% of our \$ 1,649,536 pledge goal. How can you support our mission? A follow-up mailing will be sent after November 20th.
2. Bishop’s Annual Appeal – We have exceeded our goal by about \$13,752.72.
3. St. John Neumann Capital Endowment Fund - \$297,215.45
4. This fund shall provide for future capital needs of St. John Neumann Parish
5. St. John Neumann Ministries & Programs Endowment Fund - \$278,010.40
6. This fund shall provide for any and all future ministry and/or programmatic needs. St. John Neumann Parish Outreach Endowment Fund - \$315,669.21
7. This fund shall provide for the future outreach activities of St. John Neumann Parish. Total endowment value = \$890,895.06 Thank you!
8. Thank you to families who continually contribute to our endowments – and to families who have bequests benefitting St. John Neumann.
9. Preparation for the Endowment drive in January as started.
10. Memorial Opportunities –Outdoor stations and statues in the church available.
11. Grants- We have received two grants from the Catholic Foundation. One will be for the Senior Grocery program through St. Vincent de Paul and the other is for an Alpha workshop being held here and hosted by the Alpha Consortium in the diocese.
12. Census Database – The cause of our data problems have been identified. We should be good to go now. We are looking to give access to parishioners in the new year.
13. On-line giving – we have decided to stay with our current giving system for the time being.
14. Have hosted and answered questions from other parishes regarding our building and capital campaign process..
15. Working with Discipleship Development team to update pastoral plan and Disciple-maker Summit in January.
16. Assisted with PSR grade card file, parish Christmas gift and information card, site map for Healing the Whole Person, registration for Men’s Breakfast in January.
17. Looking forward to November 13 to kick-off Let’s talk about death seminars with an attorney and financial planner.
18. Will be attending the Damascus Fundraiser in early December with others from the parish.
19. Census
 - a. We have had 75 families join FYTD beginning 7/1/2017.
 - b. We had 159 families join the parish from 07/01/2016-06/30/2017
 - c. We have 1,682 registered families as of 11/10/2017. Up from 1,611 registered families as of 11/09/2016.

Communication and Administration

Communication Projects:

1. Attended the Vibrant Parish Seminar at St. Elizabeth’s and obtained useful information about parish communication efforts from experts at LPI;
2. Created content for the website, maintained and updated content within site on a daily basis;

3. Designed promotional materials for various programs and events, including posters and other items for the Healing the Whole Person Conference, Christmas postcard, bumper magnet and more;
4. Created promotional materials and Facebook ads for other upcoming events;
5. Posted the lecture recordings from Sarah Swafford's visit to SJN as part of the Relationship Workshop;
6. Worked with Christina to create an evaluation form for the Relationship Workshop; compiled evaluation results into an Excel report;
7. Began working with Gretchen Hofer to plan promotional/marketing materials for the Women's Retreat
8. Contacted the owner of the "Mary's Fiat" image to request permission to use the image in Women's Retreat materials – permission granted;
9. Created a Parishioner Pitch Feedback Form at the request of Fr. Noble; forms are now available in the Gathering Space;
10. Met with staff of St. Joan of Arc to share information about SJN as they prepare for expansion of buildings and programs;
11. Supported the work of all ministry leaders in promoting activities and events;
12. Participated as secretary of the Discipleship Development team.

Ongoing Administrative Tasks:

1. Organized content for weekly bulletin
2. Prepared Weekly e-mail blast outlining upcoming events/activities
3. Worked with volunteers and parishioners to coordinate pitches, Mass announcement screens, and videos during Mass
4. Coordinated tables in the cloister walkway
5. Prepared screen announcements each week
6. Drafted Fr. Noble's pitches and lector forms for Libby to finalize
7. Updated SJN home page, created website pages as requested

Ministry to the Sick

Liturgy

1. No update, meet again Nov. 15

Discipleship Development Committee

Religious Education

1. Classes for PSR Grades 2-5 meet on Tuesdays from 6:45-8:00 pm. Assembly themes for October were: God's Greatness, The Church, God Our Father and the Greatest Commandment. Tuesday night's enrollment number is 322 students.
2. Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade Classes meet during the 9am Mass on Sundays. Sunday morning enrollment is 142 students
3. Total student enrollment for this school year from Preschool to Grade 5 is 464 students.
4. The theme for VBS next summer will be **Shipwrecked- Rescued by Jesus**. Karen Vazquez and Wendy Miller will have planning underway by December. This

past year VBS had more than 200 participants and 100 volunteers as children looked at God's purpose for their lives.

5. First Communion will be Sat May 19th, 2018 at 10 am. Practice will be on Monday May 14, 2018 at 6pm.
6. JJJ (Junior Jesus Journey)- Assemblies are under the direction of Wendy Miller, Erin Shultz, Jon Sorensen and friends this year on Tuesday nights They are excellent at creatively blending the Gospel with a wide range of creative methods and songs.

Confirmation and Youth Ministry

1. Met with Kate and Christina to plan our Relationship Workshop on a weekly basis.
2. The Relationship Workshop was a great success! Seventy Confirmandi attended along with many high schoolers. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and all of the talks were very fruitful for all in attendance!
3. Helped set up for Martyr Mayhem which was on October 29th. It was a great night with saint skits, line dancing and a big bonfire.
4. On Nov. 4th, supervised the middle school fun night. The high school students in charge did a wonderful job teaching a lesson on being thankful, had a variety of fun activities for the kids, and the middle schoolers heard a testimony on gratitude.
5. Held a Chosen leader meeting on Sunday, Nov. 12th. We prayed, discussed positive things happening in small groups along with things that need to be addressed in our small groups. We also had a discussion about the Baptism lesson that will take place on November 19th.
6. Spoke with Violet at Holy Rosary St. John about setting up Giving Tree this Christmas season. The tags for Giving Tree will be available to pick up at SJN starting weekend of Nov. 19th and delivery date to Holy Rosary St. John is Dec. 16th.

Young Ministry and Young Adult Ministry

High School Youth Ministry

1. NCYC is this week!!! - November 16th – 19th in Indianapolis. We have the largest group in the diocese with 44 students and adults attending as of now. It is a conference with over 20,000 youth in attendance.
2. Relational Ministry with my CORE Team – still working on my personal goal is to meet one-on-one with each CORE member. I have met with 14 of the 30 CORE Team Members. I am also visiting each small group to grow in relationship with the members and to assess the health of each group. I have been to all of the guy groups and 1 girl group so far.
3. CORE Meets throughout the year (almost monthly) to pray together and plan together and to discuss best practices for small groups. We will be meeting on December 3rd, January 14th, February 11th, March 4th, and April 8th. We meet in the Lower Level Rooms 4&5 alongside Chosen Leaders.
4. Helped our Senior SALT Members Katie Priest and Marissa Badia plan the November 4th Fun Night. Wendi Miller attended and helped execute the night.

5. yDisciple and Chosen are going really well on Sunday nights. We are now in a bit of a rhythm. We have 15 yDisciple small groups that have 5-18 teens in each of them. Each small group is studying the topic they choose within the yDisciple curriculum on the Formed website. The small groups have met 8 times thus far and meet a total of 20 times with our small groups. The kitchen crew is amazing – feeding 250-300 people on a given Sunday night.
6. Our CORE Team planned 2 paintball outings this Fall. One was Saturday October 21st and there were 28 teens and adults who came to play. The other was Saturday November 11th and there were 8 teens and adults. Everyone had a blast (although there might be some new welts).
7. Martyr Mayhem was on Sunday October 29th. The CORE Team reenacted the martyrdom of St. Isaac Jogues, St. Edmund, and St. John the Baptist. There was a bonfire and line dancing. It was a blast!
8. Attended “Challenge Day” for Big Walnut on Thursday October 26th. This is something that BW does with their freshmen class to meet the psychological needs of their students.

Both Youth & Young Adult Minister Tasks

1. For youth and young adults: The Relationship Workshop was a collaboration between Christina Weber, Wendi Miller, and I on Sunday November 5th. It was such a great day! Participants were buzzing about the day and still processing the concepts that were taught a week after. Between the day workshop and the evening talk, there were probably over 400 youth and adults that participated
2. Attends Discipleship Development Team Meetings.

Young Adult Ministry

1. Discipleship groups are back at it for the fall. The men are doing TMIY on Wednesday evenings and Brooks Arbogast is the contact person. The women have two options: the 3rd Wednesday of the month with Kendra Arbogast as the contact or the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month with Michelle Duffey contact. Both groups meet from 7-8:30pm.
2. Will be meeting with the leadership team in December to prepare for the Winter/Spring 2018. Leadership team is made up of: Michelle Duffey, Brooks and Kendra Arbogast, Abbey and Daniel Vielhaber, Craig Tomastik, and Dan Pizzino.
3. Theology on Tap Fall 2017: Sept 5th, Oct 3rd, and Nov 7th from 6-9pm. Mass at 6pm in the chapel and dinner, talk, and discussion at the Firehouse Tavern from 7-9pm. The Fall TOTs were all very well attended. The November speaker had a last-minute schedule conflict, so we did a variation of speed dating...it was more like speed friending. It was a great way to build community

Adult Faith Formation

RCIA / RCIA Adapted for Children

1. The first *Rite of Acceptance & Welcome* for RCIA takes place at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on November 19. Currently, as many as 15 Inquirers could go through this

Rite. This includes six children. Those that do would begin the Catechumenate phase of their formation. Parishioners will be needed as Sponsors for some Inquirers, who will become Candidates (already baptized) or Catechumens (preparing for baptism) after the Rite. Notice I wrote “*first*” above: A number of others have only recently registered and have begun attending sessions; they will be ready to enter Catechumenate at a later date.

2. Meanwhile, no fewer than seven – including three from last year - have marriage cases in various stages of progress with the Tribunal. As their cases (or their spouses’ cases) are processed we will receive them into the Church. If this happens outside the Easter Season it would take place, as per our practice, at a daily Mass.

The Bible Timeline

1. We now have 30 registered participants in the Thursday afternoon series; 25 or more have been attending regularly. We recently purchased an updated copy of the DVD series as the older set was found to be damaged. Sessions have been moved to Rooms 9 & 10 of the FFC (they preferred this space over Room C) on the following dates:
 2. PART ONE: November 16, December 7 & 14
 3. PART TWO: January 11, 18 & 25, February 1, 8, 15 & 22, March 1, 8 & 15, April 5, 12 & 19.

Catholicism 201

1. We’ve had ten regular attendees in the Tuesday PSR edition of this series; additional promotion within PSR will be needed to grow the class size. The schedule is below:

Tuesdays, 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. (Parish Office Room 1)

- All About Advent..... December 6 & 20
- Morality & Social Justice January 9, 16, 23 & 30
- The Passion of the Christ..... February 20 & 27, March 6 & 13
- Why do Catholics Do That?..... April 3, 10, 17 & 24, May 1 & 8

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:15 p.m. (FFC Rooms 9 & 10)

- Morality and Social Justice..... January 10, 17, 24 & 31, February 7
- *RETURN – Bringing Family Members Back ..* April 4, 11, 18 & 25, May 2

Men’s Ministries

2. The offering of *The Jesus Lifestyle* on Thursday evenings for men (in Parish Office Rooms 4 & 5, during *Walking With Purpose*) has had very low turnout. However, those who have participated (a dozen men have attended off and on) have expressed interest in promoting it before its return in January.

TMIY (That Man Is You)

Marriage and Family Life

1. Preparing to move our marriage preparation program for both the theological and medical introduction to NFP (which is required by the diocese) back to being

done at SJN, as opposed to the diocesan program. First session will be on January 20th.

2. Our Relationship Workshop (joint effort between Kate Kriegel, Wendi Miller and myself) on November 5th was a huge success! We had over 400 participants between our afternoon workshop and our evening talk. Jen Reinard helped us custom design an evaluation form to gauge participant response. We received 53 completed forms with an average score of 4.5 (on a 1-5 scale). Parents commented that they really liked having an option for breakout sessions with many parents choosing to attend a talk by our SoP counselor, Todd Warren. Speakers also commented on the success of the day and our amazing parish!
3. WWP has 239 participants meeting in 19 small groups. Our bimonthly leader training was well received with attendance of over 75% of our leaders. We are preparing to host Lisa Brennickmeyer, the author of the program, on March 14th. We are expecting around 700 women for this event.
4. Sophie Calcara is finishing training in FEMM (method of NFP) and will begin teaching monthly intro sessions for our engaged couples and other interested parties on December 4th.
5. Our annual Trunk or Treat was very well attended. We moved the timing to after the 11am Mass and had over 150 children. Over 100 families stayed afterwards for a hot dog lunch hosted by our Family Life Ministry.
6. Attended a Vibrant Parish conference hosted by LPI with Jackie Sutton and Jen Reinard.
7. Date Night (couples discipleship group) continues to grow! We now have over 60 couples that have registered with more than 35 couples coming each month. Childcare attendance is at maximum capacity and we are brainstorming ways to accommodate the growth.
8. Working with Stephanie Rapp (the Marriage and Family Life director for the diocese) to pilot a "family mission rosary" project. I am looking at different ways that we could implement a pilot of this project here at SJN.
9. Working on plans for World Marriage Sunday (February 11) with our marriage enrichment ministry team.

Walking with Purpose (WWP)

1. WWP just completed it's 7th week on November 2nd and 3rd. The Touching the Divine topic was The Eucharist and many women gave feedback that they really connected with this week's lesson.
2. The next Connect Coffee will be 12/7 and 12/8. All women are invited free of charge for breakfast or light dinner. This will be communicated to the Parish.
3. Many of the Opening your Heart participants are registered to meet the requirements for sacramental years. Some express that they are finding joy in the program and they hadn't expected to – praise God!
4. Walking with Purpose has approximately 238 participants this year.
5. We are finding that most registrants are participating weekly this year, which is an improvement over the prior 2 years.
6. We will take an extended break after the 12/14 & 12/15 meetings until 1/18 and 1/19.

7. The Core Leadership Team has been expanded to include Christina Weber, Michele Niklaus, Anita Cochran, Jill Newell, Jackie Sutton, Gayle Oboy and Renee Brehm. Mentoring continues to phase out Christina Weber and Michele Niklaus as Coordinators later this program year in accordance with WWP guidelines to keep the program fresh and to share the leadership opportunities with other women.

Good Samaritan Ministries

SvDP

1. The Assistance Intake Guidelines draft will be distributed again to the group for detailed review at next meeting. The purpose of the guidelines is to ensure some consistencies.
2. John is working on Marion SVDP thrift store list of needs for us to make a potential donation of goods.
3. No report on Parish Council and GSM.
4. The Patricks Day fundraiser dance will be coordinated by Gloria again this year. We will begin planning at the November meeting.
5. Assistance Intake: No report but very busy with activity/requests in October.
6. Jail Ministry: Rosemary reported the women meet on Monday nights and the men meet on Tuesday nights. We currently have a waiting list for volunteers, which is wonderful. All is going well. The Christmas Card distribution will be done again this year for the inmates and SJN will donate the postage stamps.
7. Big Walnut Friends Who Share: Larry reported over \$1,000 was raised at the walk-a-thon. Still looking for a building to move into and there has been a lot of activity on this but no decisions or location found. Family Christmas meal collection for 100 families is being planned. Larry said a request was made to add a 2nd furniture storage unit as they are currently turning down donations due to lack of space to store and display.
8. Family Promise: Gretchen said our week is 10/29 thru 11/5 and need volunteers.
9. Nursing Home Ministry: No report.
10. Senior Groceries: John reported that this Saturday (10/28/17) is the scheduled grocery day.

Women's Club

Men's Club

1. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Treasurer Jerry Rensi reviewed beginning balance, income and expenses through June 30. The combined checkbook and PAF balance stands at \$21,809.03. We have \$9,545.00 in approved expenditures through February 15, 2018. This leaves us with \$12,264.03 of which \$5,131.69 is in a PAF managed by the Columbus Diocese.

- b. We will need \$4,000.00 on hand in order to purchase start up supplies for the Lenten Fish Fry.
2. Old Business
3. Dennis reminded the members we can always use additional help at all of our functions. Not just the regulars who always pitch in.
4. The benches for the outdoor Stations of the Cross were installed.
5. New Business
6. Please send in items for the agenda before the meeting. It helps save time.
7. Jeff Strung will be sending out email reminders for meetings, etc.
8. Dates for the Children's Christmas and Easter parties. The members would rather keep the children's events on Saturday.
9. Scott Prislusky presented a motion to buy concrete benches for the Outdoor Stations of the Cross. The motion passed.
10. Chillicothe V. A. Hospital Christmas donation was approved in the amount of \$500.00.

Knights of Columbus

1. No report/have not met

Parish Festival

1. No update

Anita motioned to adjourn and seconded by John Kutys.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Grenell