

# Benedictine Catholic Communities of Saint Joseph & Saint John the Baptist Joint Parish Advisory Council

Thursday, October 17, 2024

6:00 to 7:30 pm

Saint John the Baptist Parish Center

**Meeting called by:** Scott Wallner

**Type of meeting:** Joint ACC Meeting

**Note taker:** Julie Ortloff

## Agenda Items

|                                  | Action        | Presenter(s)  | Time (on clock) | Notes  |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| 1. Welcome                       |               | Scott Wallner | 6:00            |  |
| 2. Prayer                        |               | Scott Wallner | 6:03            |  |
| 3. Introduction of Members       |               | Scott Wallner | 6:05            |  |
| 4. Agenda & Prior Minutes Review |               | Scott Wallner | 6:10            | March 21, 2024, minutes approved. Motion to approve: Jay N. and 2. Brian P. Passed.  |
| 5. Discussion Items:             |               |               | 6:15            |  |
| a. Future ACC Meeting Dates      | Informational | Scott Wallner | 6:45            | Is including a meal helpful? Yes. 5:30pm then the meeting begins at 6:00pm. Hospitality. 3rd Thursday of August, October, January, March and May if needed. 2024-25: Chair SJ & Location Alternates 2025-26: Chair SJ & Location alternates January 16 SJ, March 20 SJB and May 15, 2025, SJ |

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| b. Joint Emergency Services at Catholic Charities Volunteer Month | Informational | Jean Didier         | 6:50                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ACC project Catholic Charities Emergency Services adopt a month program per Social Justice &amp; Ministry Committee (SJ&amp;M)</li> </ul> <p>The ACC was invited to volunteer at Catholic Charities, to volunteer in the food shelf and clothing closet, etc. We would select a particular month, and then provide the volunteers needed. Sign up is online and easy. We are looking to be the volunteers for the month of February 2025. Collaborate with St. Joseph parishioners to provide works of mercy. Contact Maria (Conversatio) to work with and share this information and encourage St. Joseph parishioners to apply.<br/>         Maria: Outreach@churchstjoseph.org<br/>         100-150 volunteers are needed a month—not all would be from our parishes.<br/>         How to recruit: bulletin, signage, possibly speaker, QR code to schedule volunteers. The February calendar is not available yet to sign up for.<br/>         Is there a counterpart at St. Joseph to connect with at St. Joseph parish. More people are needed on the SJ&amp;M Committee. How do we encourage people to volunteer!!<br/>         Make God's Love Visible campaign too: date?<br/>         Publish next SJ&amp;M meeting in the bulletin: Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm?? Invite St. Joseph people to attend.</p> |

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| c. Role as Joint Committee              | Discussion    | Scott Wallner       | 7:10                   | <p><b>Discussion items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we better communicate to both parishes about joint events?<br/><i>Scheduling things that overlap is an issue. Turkey Bingo is scheduled on the same day as Knights of Columbus November Breakfast. KofC breakfasts October through May first Sunday of the Month—add to calendar.</i></li> <li>• Is there a common stressor or challenge where we could combine efforts in resolving? <i>Faith Formation is a challenge, there isn't time for Fr. Brad to participate much in either program.</i></li> <li>• Are we an ACC with two communities? <i>Maybe we are good and working. We are moving forward, we are not moving backwards or standing still. Priests in larger ACC's may feel overtaxed with workload. Goal for every priest to say no more than 3 masses a weekend. Some parishes might not be financially sustainable. The diocese has to right-size the business/Diocese. No plan has been proposed. Father Brad feels our ACC is a manageable workload for one priest.</i></li> </ul> |
| d. Advent Gift Giving to the Food Shelf |               | Julie Ortloff       | 7:15                   | Same program as last year, but gifts will be for children under the age of eighteen only. We can add in extra tag requests for cash or nonperishable food/toiletry items, if there are not enough gift tags.   |
| e. Christmas Party Plan                 |               | Trustees            | 7:20                   | December 17, Tuesday at St. Joseph Heritage Hall. 5:30 PM Trustees plan/host. Invitations will be sent to parish leaders, and staff.   |

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| f. Open Discussion | Discussion    | Scott Wallner       | 7:25                   | Agenda for next meeting: January 16, 2025. <i>Revisit Social Justice and Ministry progress of the blended committee. Insight from Father Brad: Grateful to all of you for your service to these faith communities. We work together with care and love. How do you recruit new parish council members? Personal invitations, welcome and listen to them. Mention term limits. SJB will be celebrating 150 years this coming year. Lots of events planned. Celebration launch: January 5, 2025</i> |
| 6. Adjournment     |               |                     |                        | Heidi and Tess  |

**Other Information:**

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**Future Topics:**

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**Attendance:**

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|              | <b>Saint Joseph</b>                      |              | <b>Saint John the Baptist</b>              |
| P            | Budde, Dede (SJ Trustee)                 | P            | Dan Backes (SJB Trustee)                   |
| A            | Bechtold, Bruce (SJ Trustee)             | P            | Peternell, Heidi (SJB Trustee)             |
| A            | Colberg, Shawn                           | P            | Bob Mayers                                 |
| P            | Barton, Lisa (SJ Business Administrator) | P            | Wallner, Scott (Chair)                     |
| P            | Nix, Jay                                 | P            | Koltes, Tess (Faith Formation Coordinator) |
| P            | Fink, Jacob—Chair                        | P            | Posch, Brian (Finance Council)             |
| P            | Fortier, Tina                            | P            | Ortloff, Julie (Business Administrator)    |
| A            | Imholte, Bernie                          | P            | Jenniges, Fr. Brad (Pastor)                |
| A            | O'Donnell, Kristen                       | P            | Mike Quinlivan                             |
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**Goals:**

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**Pastoral Council**

**Tentative  
Completion  
Date**

**Actual  
Completion  
Date**

**(Owner) Goal**

POSSIBLE GOAL: Evangelization Planning/Plans  
PRIMARY TOPICS/CONCERNS FOR PARISH: Communication, Bringing Parishioners Back 'after' COVID,  
Encouraging Participation for Financial Stability,