

Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate - Transition Team – Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Present: Father Luke Syse, Adam Schloesser, Sheley Scallon, Howard Marklein, Tommy Brennan, and Dave Mack.

Regrets: Tonya Anderson and Eric Ruhland

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Father Luke Syse.
2. Opening Prayer – Father Luke led the opening prayer.
3. The meeting minutes from 11/19/24 were read. Dave Mack made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Howard Marklein seconded. All in favor. Sheley Scallon will send the approved meeting minutes to heather.faber@saintsjia.org
4. Old business:
 - a. Schools update:
 1. River Valley is reconfiguring schools / grade levels. Early Learning Center will be closed in Plain at the end of the 2024-2025 academic year. After that, all schools will be in Spring Green. The elementary building will be K-2nd. The former Middle School will be an intermediate school (3rd – 6th). Seventh and eighth grades will move up to the High School.
 2. St. Luke School and St. John School to remain as is for next year. Fr. Luke and Mrs. Allison Stroud met with St. John 3rd and 4th grade parents on 1/23/25 to discern adding a 5th grade. Fr. Luke ultimately decided not to add 5th grade to St. John School and is encouraging 4th grade families to consider St. Luke School for grades 5-8.
 - b. St. John the Evangelist (SJE) Church renovation update:
 1. Pews have been recovered.
 2. Currently waiting on materials for terrazzo.
 3. Cork flooring will be installed after terrazzo.
 - c. Transition update:
 1. Mass times
 - a. 8:30 am Mass at Mill Creek until renovation at SJE is completed. Typically 80 to 90 people in attendance.
 - b. 4:00 pm Saturday evening mass at St. Luke has also been well attended.
 2. Father Luke to consider future pastoral council structure, etc.
 - a. Minimum requirements: Parish must have two trustees.
 - b. Diocesan guidelines could be used as a starting point.
5. New business:
 - a. Parish Festivals / Calendar for 2025
 1. SJE Fall Dinner – Sunday, October 12th.
 2. St. Patrick Church – Harvest Supper (November 22nd) & Fall Festival (September)
 - b. Lenten activities:
 1. Rescue Project & Holy Saturday retreat
 2. SJE Wednesday, March 26th at 6:00 pm Adoration, 6:30 pm Rosary & Benediction, 7:00 pm Bishop preaches
6. Parish Life & Events:
 - a. Upcoming events:
 1. Adoration (see bulletin for times and locations)
 2. St. John the Baptist in Mill Creek: First Saturday of the month at 9:00 am, May – Oct.
 3. Our Lady of the Fields Shrine: August 15th Assumption & Easter 2025
 4. St. Boniface Church: First Saturday of the month at 9:00 am, November – April
 5. Catholic Schools Week: January 26th to February 1st.
 6. St. Luke Fish Fry: Friday, February 7th
 7. St. Luke School Gala: Saturday, March 15th at Riverside in Spring Green
 - b. Consider meetings / pilgrimage opportunities at St. Boniface Church.

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8. Finance:
 - a. SJE completed pledge program. Response rate was 46%.
 - b. Nine (9) students sponsored at SJE through Adopt a Student Program.
 - c. St. Luke Finance Committee to meet Thursday, January 30th.
 - d. For parishioners who are 73 (per 2024 IRA rules), Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from IRAs and 401(k)s can go directly to the church to avoid income tax implications.
9. Buildings & Grounds:
 - a. Current/Future projects
 1. St. John the Evangelist Church flooring replacement – ongoing.
 2. Confessional at St. John the Evangelist – pauses for the moment. May be a piece of furniture at a later date.
 3. St. Luke – Sacred Heart Painting Restoration planned for 12/16/24 clean and touch-up paint funded by memorial gift.
 4. Renter at St. Boniface Rectory going well.
10. Other Discussion:
 - a. St. Vincent de Paul is building in Spring Green.
 - b. Father Kumud is going to India after Easter.
11. Next Meeting: **Tuesday, (Revised to) April 29th, at St. John Church Hall at 6:30 pm**
12. Closing Prayer – Father Luke Syse
13. Adjournment – Motion by Tommy Brennan, seconded by Howard Marklein, all in favor.