

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

September 13, 2011

Welcome: Jason Nett opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer "A Discerning Heart"

Roll Call: Fr. Day, Paula Andres, Merle Kruer, Sharon Schmidt, Jim Book Jr., Diane Martin, Betty Vick, Ben Heck, Jason Nett, Alfred Schmidt, Hilda Schmidt, and Steve Smith were all present. Todd Adams and Tim Book were excused. Cathy Graninger was absent.

The Annual Board of Directors for the Parish Corporation was held today. Father Day, Merle, Jason, and Ben attended.

Minutes: Minutes from last month were read and approved. Merle made a motion to pass the minutes and Diane seconded it.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Feedback on policies: Fr. Day received one phone call and also one gravesite has been purchased since the Policies that will take effect on November 1, 2011, were published.

Events for 150th Ann.: Jim reported Sign of the Times will contact him about making banners. The caterer has been lined up. Sign up sheets will be put in the back of church next weekend.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: Two catechists, Michelle and Ashley, have completed the Chaste Living Training. They will implement at our January Faith Formation program. Christina Flum, Director of NAD Catechetical Ministry, will be leading the parent portion of Chaste living. We have had registration and one Faith Formation class for grades K-8. WE have 17 registered students. This past Sunday we celebrated Grandparent's Day by inviting them to join us for doughnuts and games. Oct 2nd is the date for High School Faith Formation Kick-Off. No Confirmation class this year for St John, Starlight.

LITURGICAL AND SPIRITUAL: Father reported Respect Life Sunday is Oct. 2nd. Marilyn Rowan will take care of the Baby Bottle Boomerang Program again this year. The Bottles will be made available the first weekend of October and are to be returned 3 weeks later. Evenings of Reflection on the Upcoming Changes in the Mass Liturgy will be held on Sept 28, Oct 5 and 12.

MAINTENANCE: Father Day received a bid from Lib's paving to repair the East Parking Lot by school for \$2900 to repair water seepage, \$1200 for seal coating is, and \$225 for re-striping, totaling \$4425. Ben made a motion to approve and Betty seconded. Father will sign Lib's bid and fax back. Ben mentioned the grass area by the rock parking lot needs leach line. He will get a bid from Brian Martin. Steve Smith got 2 bids to paint the gutters and overhang and wood siding for Parish Office Building, the Pastor's residence and garage. The lowest bid for \$3625 was recommended. Paula made a motion to pass and Hilda seconded. Steve also gave 3 bids on possible future repair needed for the steeple- Shingles: \$38,000, Copper or Slate: \$89,800. Frank Delbridge gave a bid to repair & repaint damaged plaster inside of the church for \$1,800.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The balance in the general account is \$28,544.29. The balance in the festival account is \$72,475.89. All festival monies from the 2010 festival have been spent on capital projects. The annual report has been completed and forwarded to the Archdiocese. The deadline is Sept 15. The Final payment of \$25,056.75 for refurbishing the exterior of the church has been paid from the general account. The total cost of this project was \$35,339.25. This figure does not include the cost of new gutters and downspouts. The new phone system has been installed and seems to be working fine. Father Vincent Tobin from St. Meinrad will preach at Masses Oct 8-9 asking for donations to be mailed in. Father verified that the 8 students who are attending Providence High School and claimed to be parishioners of our parish are indeed registered parishioners. Father, Ben, and Merle are going to the Regional Stewardship and Development Meeting to be held at St. Mary, Navilleton, on Sept 29th.

Communication: Father shared with Jason that we need to put the minutes on the website and put in the bulletin the two projects we approved.

NEXT MEETING: Oct 11th at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.