

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

October 11, 2011

Welcome: Jason Nett opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer "A Prayer for Wisdom"

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

Minutes: Minutes from last month were presented. Steve Smith noted that the minutes should reflect that a bid for \$1800 for repair of plaster in Church was approved. Ben made a motion to pass the minutes and Merle seconded it. Minutes were approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Deacon Drew Braun: We will have a Seminarian from Saint Meinrad with us again this school year. His first visit to our parish will be this weekend [October 15 & 16] for all Masses.

Special Events Insurance: Father contacted the Archdiocese and starting with the effective date of the revised Rental Policy of November 1, 2011, renters of the hall must provide documentation of Special Event Insurance. This insurance can be purchased through the Archdiocese for \$125.

Events for 150th Ann.: Because of the time frame and the delays in getting appropriate signage and banners, Diane made a motion that we cancel plans for banners and put 150th information on our existing sign. Betty seconded it and it passed unanimously. Father is working with Carl Roll to get an updated picture of our church for a 150th Memorial card. These cards will have a Thanksgiving prayer on the back and will be available to all who attend the celebration. Hilda will invite Sr. Mary Carol to this event. Jim Book will contact Sean Gallagher from the *Criterion* for a follow-up article. Bishop Coyne has approved the Readings we selected for the Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving on Nov. 6th. We will set up the Parish Hall for the Catered Brunch on Saturday morning, November 5th, at 8:00AM.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: Sharon reported they had 3 students for the first high school Faith Formation Session. Todd did not have a report.

LITURGICAL AND SPIRITUAL: Marilyn Rowan will take care of the Baby Bottle Boomerang Program again this year. The Bottles are to be returned Oct 22nd/23rd. The last session for Evenings of Reflection on the Upcoming Changes in the Mass Liturgy is this Wednesday. Father said the pew cards needed are now in the pews.

MAINTENANCE: Work on the parking lot has been completed. Steve reported painting on the Parish Residence will start Thursday and could take a couple of weeks. Steve reported that Frank Delbridge will make the plaster and painting repairs needed in Church prior to the Anniversary celebration. Larry Timperman is drawing plans for the covering for the front of Church and the new doors that will be installed. Ben will talk to Brian about trenching the Church downspouts.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The balance in the general account is \$26,944.68. The balance in the festival account is \$71,903.86. Capital Projects totaling \$18550 have been approved to date. These funds will come from the 2011 Strawberry Festival proceeds as all monies from the 2010 festival have been spent on other capital projects. The Finance Council voted to expand the reporting in the bulletin for the weekly and YTD collections. The details are not finalized but it would show the weekly amount needed; the collection for each week and any shortage/overage; current and YTD, the amount needed YTD and any shortage/overage for YTD. Christ Our Hope Appeal Intention weekend is coming up on Nov 5 and 6th. Our Parish goal is same as last year at \$10,317. Fr. Day, Merle, and Ben attended the Deanery Stewardship meeting on Sept 29th at St Mary, Navilleton. All parishes were represented. We heard some interesting things that some parishes are doing. We still need someone from St. Johns to head our Stewardship efforts.

Communication: Merle made a suggestion that we consider changing the Saturday Evening Mass from 5:30pm to 5:00pm. He felt that with the Mass at 5:00pm, it makes it easier to attend other functions and events. After some discussion, it was decided that we would invite parishioners to give input on the suggested Mass time change and the Parish Council could make a decision at our next meeting. We also need to communicate the set-up time for the 150th Brunch.

NEXT MEETING: Nov. 8th at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.