

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

November 8, 2011

Welcome: Jason Nett opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer “The Burden is Heavy!”

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

Minutes: Minutes from last month were read and approved. Ben made a motion to pass the minutes as presented and Diane seconded his motion. Minutes were approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Feedback for 150th Ann.: Father received many favorable responses from parishioners and was pleased with all aspects of the event. Father Day read a Thank You note from Sr. Mary Carol and Sr. Sharon.

Approval of Parish Hall Rental Policy: Some re-wording was needed to update the recently approved policy reflect the need for insurance coverage of non-parish sponsored events. Jason prepared these updates for review by the Parish Council. Ben made a motion to accept the updates to the Parish Hall Rental Policy and Betty seconded it. Motion was approved.

Decision on proposed Saturday Evening Mass Time: The consensus was that all favor the change of this Mass time to 5:00PM from the current 5:30PM. The starting date will be on the first Saturday after the 1st of the year which will be January 7, 2012. Steve made a motion to this effect and Merle seconded it. Motion was approved.

Decision on Parish Christmas Party and/or New Year’s Brunch: The Council decided to hold a Breakfast/Brunch on Sunday, Jan 22nd, after a 9:00AM Mass. We will put sign-up sheets out for the weekend of December 31st and January 1st. This will allow parishioners three weekends to sign- up.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: Sharon reported the High School Faith Formation will be this coming Sunday, November 13. John Rowan is our Guest Catechist. St. Mary’s Navilleton has invited any of our students to join their basketball team.

Catholics Youth Ministry: Father reported if anyone is interested, we are looking for a part time leader-16-20 hours a week.

LITURGICAL AND SPIRITUAL: Father Day reported in the absence of the chairperson that the regular monthly meeting will be this Thursday, November 10th. Part of the agenda will be planning for the Thanksgiving Mass; the upcoming Advent Season and the approaching use of the Roman Missal.

MAINTENANCE: Father announced that Tommy and Mary Francis donated the new doors and the labor to install them for a donation of around \$7,000). Father will personally thank them and we will make this announcement in an upcoming bulletin. Leach lines for the Church downspouts will be taken care of.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The balance in the general account is \$62,126.41. This balance includes the transfer of \$57,167.08 from the Festival account. The remaining balance in the festival account is \$15,006.19 which we will need as start up for next year's festival. The Finance Council has completed the first quarter financial report to the parish. It will be included in the bulletin this weekend. Capital projects totaling \$18,550 had been approved to date. There have been some changes to the list. The list included a proposed expense of \$2,200 for installation of the new doors on the front of church; however, this cost has now been covered by a parishioner. A couple more adjustments: the repair of the church interior was budgeted for \$1,800 and the actual was \$2,200. The billing for the new gutters was \$50 less than budgeted. To date the new figure for capital projects is \$16,700. The only project not paid for is the painting of the residence, parish offices, and garage. The Christ our Hope Campaign is off to a good start to date we have pledges totaling \$9,515.00. This is \$802 short of our goal. Many of the pledge cards are still to be returned. The final costs of the 150th Anniversary celebration have not been determined. Some bills are still outstanding. We did collect \$882.00 from free-will donations.

Communication: The change in the starting time for our Sunday Anticipation Masses to 5:00PM on Saturday, January 7, 2012, needs to be communicated to the parishioners. We also need to thank Tom and Mary Francis for their donation. We will post the updated Parish Hall Rental Policy on the parish web page and remind people that it can be viewed there.

NEXT MEETING: December 13th at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.