

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

December 13, 2011

Welcome: Jason Nett opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer “In Times of Conflict”.

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

Minutes: Minutes from last month were read. Ben made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Merle seconded it. Minutes approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Feedback for Roman Missal.: We are doing well and with time we will get even more comfortable with the new responses

Reminder of the Saturday Anticipation Mass time change: Everyone seems to be okay with the decision to change the Mass time to 5:00PM starting January 7, 2012.

Decision on Parish Christmas Party and/or New Year’s Brunch: Betty Vick will put sign-up sheets in church for the brunch in January and we will take free will donations.

Christ Our Hope Stewardship Campaign: To date, we have collected \$15,780. We are over our goal by \$5,467 at this time.

Deanery Studies: Father read a “temporary” letter about the Deanery Studies and Building Construction Moratorium but has not received a final letter from the bishop.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation Commission: Choir practice is going on this evening for the Children’s’ Christmas Mass. Final practice for the Mass is next Thursday, Dec. 22. This past Sunday was our CFF Reconciliation service. We had 3 Second Graders with parents that made their First Reconciliation. This coming Sunday is our last CFF class for 2011. January will be the month we only have 1 class. It’s scheduled for Jan. 8th after the 10am Mass. The 5th through 8th grade will have the Family Life program and Christina Flum from the Aquinas Center will be doing the parent information meeting. Father Day will be training altar servers during this class time. Next High School Formation Session is Jan. 8th. They will be seeing the movie To Save a Life. Sarah Koetter will be our facilitator.

Youth Ministry Commission: Father has a resume from a student from Marian College. They met over Thanksgiving. She needs a full-time job but is open to work part-time in another Parish or Deanery Ministry to achieve this goal.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry Commission: Father reported that Father Eric Johnson, who is the Vocation Director for our Archdiocese will be with us as homilist on the weekend of April 28th.

Building and Grounds Ministry Commission: Alfred had nothing outstanding to report. Father located a banner in a Parish Office closet and would like Hilda and Alfred to display it in the parish hall.

Financial Report: The balance in the General Account is \$65,782.48. The balance in the Festival Account is \$15,003.22 which we will need as start up for next year's festival. The Finance Council decided to retain the remainder of the Strawberry Festival funds in the General Account rather than transfer any of it to the ADLF. We will need roughly \$30,000 for operating expenses this current Fiscal Year. The Christ Our Hope Campaign pledges to date total \$15,780. This exceeds our goal by \$5,467.00 but is short of last year's pledges by \$150. Friendly reminders have been sent for some of the pledge cards that have not yet been returned. A few have been received and processed. The final expense of the 150th Anniversary Celebration was \$3,765.50. We collected \$882.00 in free will donations, so the actual parish expenditure was \$2,883.50. A new format for reporting the Sunday Collection amounts has been completed and appeared in the bulletin this past weekend. Hopefully you have noticed this change. If you have any comments, let the Finance Council know.

Communication: Jason will place in the bulletin a reminder of the January 7th Anticipation Mass time change to 5:00pm. Also that Sign-up sheets for the Parish Christmas/New Year's Brunch will be in the back of church beginning in January as well as a reminder that we will celebrate only one Sunday Morning Mass at 9:00am on January 22nd.

NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2012, at 7:00pm

Father led us in our Closing Prayers.