

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

## Minutes

January 10, 2012

**Welcome:** Ben Heck, Vice-Chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Day led us in the prayer “Recovering Our Focus”

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

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

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

**Parish New Year’s Brunch/Party (Jan22nd):** To date, 108 adults and 9 children are signed up. Help is needed for setting up of tables and chairs on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Parish Hall and Non-Parish Fund Raising Events:** We will continue to allow use of the parish hall to active and involved parishioners for fund raisers as we have had in the past.

**Sunday Collection Envelopes:** There are 9 out-of- parish collections for which we current get envelopes that are placed in the pews. If cost is not prohibitive, we will have the printer include these in the annual envelope packet prepared for parish envelope holders.

**Christ Our Hope Stewardship Campaign:** We are finished and collected \$15,780. We have \$5,467 over our goal and we will have a rebate of 50% of the goal overage.

**Deanery Studies:** Father still has not received a final letter from the Bishop. The building and construction moratorium is still on hold.

### COMMISSION REPORTS:

**Faith Formation:** Sunday’s one day event was held from 10:50am to 3:00 pm. We had a fair amount of students except for our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade which had no students attend. The parents of the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade did not attend well either. The high school class on Sunday was a good turnout with 6 boys attending. We are really pushing for them to come back to our next class which will be a Learning Mass. February’s K-8<sup>th</sup> CFF class will be another one day event. We also trained 7 new servers.

**Catholics Youth Ministry:** No report.

**Liturgical and Spiritual:** Cathy reported that Ordinary Times starts this weekend. We are still looking for more Lectors. There is a Liturgy Meeting this Thursday. The weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, we will have the Blessings of Birthdays and Anniversaries. February 4<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Propagation of the Faith Membership collection.

**Maintenance:** Merle reported that the faucet in the bathroom in the back of church drips. Two shrubs around the vestibule have died and Alfred will check into seeing if they are guaranteed.

**Financial Report:** The balance in the General Account is \$90,267.35. The balance in the Festival Account is \$15,003.47. We had some generous collections over the Holidays but we're still short of where we should be. Our bulletin reflected the under-budget amount of \$6,659. Hopefully we can make this up and if not we'll use some of the budgeted festival monies. The Christ Our Hope Campaign pledges to date total \$15,780. We have for all purposes closed the campaign unless more cards are received. We did not have a meeting in December.

**Communication:** Due to the Parish Holiday Brunch there will be only ONE SUNDAY Morning Mass beginning at 9:00AM on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

NEXT MEETING: Feb. 14th at 7:00pm

Father led us in our Closing Prayers.