

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

March 13, 2012

Welcome: Jason Nett opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer “Being Realistic”

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Regional Stewardship and Development Meeting: Merle reported on this recent meeting and the discussion about some of the successful methods employed by Mega Churches and how and whether Catholic parishes might employ some of these methods. They use the current internet social communication networks well. Their worship experience is more joyous and inspirational to each individual.

Deanery Studies: Father reported that the study on Terre Haute Deanery is completed; Batesville is in-process; the four Indianapolis City Deaneries will begin this fall. Our Deanery will not be scheduled until 2013 or 2014.

2012 Strawberry Festival: Plans to follow.

Tornado Relief: We collected \$3,066 to be divided three ways amongst Josh & Heather Hurst, Joann Adams, and John & Mary Jane Adams.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: Classes between Sunday morning Masses started again. First communion scheduled for April 15. Confirmation at Our Lady of Perpetual Help is scheduled for April 15 as well.

Catholics Youth Ministry: No report.

Liturgical and Spiritual: Sign-up sheets for Holy Week services are in the back of church. Father would like to schedule visiting missionaries, Father Albert Adleke, at the end of July and the Sisters of Divine in August. Heck Security will sponsor next year’s parish calendars.

Maintenance: Alfred reported that they replaced the toilet in the men's bathroom in the parish center. Steve is having the jams painted around the new church doors.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is \$114,297.39. The balance in the festival account is \$14,203.97. The general account balance however includes some collections that have not been disbursed as yet. One that I am aware of is the Tornado Relief Collection (\$3,063.66) Fr. Day, Ben, and Merle attended the recent Regional Stewardship meeting held at St. Paul Sellersburg. Bishop Coyne discussed "What we can learn from Mega Churches." We are still looking for someone to chair the Stewardship Committee. If anyone knows someone who might be interested please let us know and we will contact them. There was no finance council meeting in February.

Communication: Think about how we can communicate this meeting information and to whom.

NEXT MEETING: April 10th at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.