

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

September 11, 2012

Welcome: Father Day welcomed all those that were in attendance and since there were no officers in attendance, Father chaired the meeting.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer "Pastor's Role and My Mission"

Roll Call: Fr. Day, Diane Martin, Cathy Graninger, Tony Balmer, Sharon Schmidt, Alfred Schmidt, Hilda Schmidt, and Merle Kruer were present. Tim Book, Jason Nett, Keith Heck, Connie Missi, Katherine Orberon, Betty Vick, and Paula Andres were excused.

Minutes: Merle made a motion to pass the Minutes from August 14th and Sharon seconded.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Easement for Sewage System: Mary Frances, Tom and Brandon Koetter were unable to attend the meeting because of previous engagements, but will attend the next meeting.

Seminarian from St. Meinrad: The Seminarian is a 3rd year Theologian, and his name is Timothy Ruckel. He will be a Deacon in his 4th year. Father Day will keep us more informed as information comes in.

Report on St. Vincent DePaul Confraternity: Three volunteers responded to the request for the request for our parish to join this outreach effort: Cathy Graninger, Mary Schroeder, and Barbara Bierman.

Christ Our Hope: Our goal in the past was \$10,317.00 and that is our goal again. All material has been ordered and we are proceeding as scheduled.

Senior Clergy Residence: Father Day is waiting to hear back from Indianapolis. There was no decision as to how the Niehoff's house could be used if the Starlight Foundation did not want to take back possession. The council did decide that we would not want to rent the house.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: CFF started last Sunday, 9/9. We have 20 students: 5 of whom are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion. We still do not have a K/1st grade teacher but with only 2 students, Sharon will take the class and see if there are Confirmation students needing service hours to help. This coming Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. When you see one of our teachers, please thank them. The next Vatican II program is Oct. 4 from 7-8:30 at SMK. Sr. Joetta Venneman is our guest speaker. We need someone to lead music for Christmas Eve Mass.

Catholics Youth Ministry: Confirmation Preparation classes are set to begin on September 26th. These classes will gather monthly on Wednesday. evenings through the month of May. On Sept 10, we had our 2nd Catholic Youth Ministry Commission Meeting. Joanne and Jacob Cundiff and Connie and Grace Missi, and Chris Schroder attended. Several members were unable to attend. Details will be shared via phone call and email. The next event will be a “Drop in” informal gathering on a weekday- TBA in Sept. We scheduled our service project “Fence Painting” with the center for Women and Families in New Albany on Oct 20 from 9am-1pm. The upcoming Indianapolis Catholic Youth Conference will be Nov. 4th. Registration will begin this week. Our next meeting will be Oct. 2.

Liturgical and Spiritual: Cathy said they are trying to keep consistency between all the Masses with the music. Elaine Stiller is helping with brochure info in the back of church and Marilyn is in-charge of the Baby Bottle Boomerang. Bottles will be handed out on the First weekend in October..

Maintenance: Father is getting bids for the carpet and maybe ceramic tile. The previous bid was \$1800 and \$4000 for wood floors. He will contact Odell Andres and Henry Andres. The propane tank has been painted and leveled. The council agreed to leave as is and not put the fencing back up. Alfred got a price of \$4000 to bury the tank. Council members agreed that was more than we needed to spend at this time. Also, council members looked in the basement for possible water leaks.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is \$111,075. The balance in the festival account is \$54,500. The Finance Council met on Aug 28th at which time the Annual report was presented and approved for submission to the Archdiocese. All required signatures were obtained prior to sending it off.

The July reconciliation of the Mass Stipend account was reviewed and approved. It reflected a balance of \$1,590 which represents 159 unsaid masses.

We have \$4,691 in Memorial monies available for you. Father Day requested the use of a portion of these funds to purchase a new TV and DVD player for the parish center to replace the old one. The finance council approved. Father Day recently purchased a new TV but not a DVD player.

The Finance Council approved an expenditure of \$731 to cover our share of the cost of Certification of Katie Orberon as a youth minister. The Youth Ministry Office is covering the remaining \$731. Father Day and Merle attended the Regional Stewardship meeting at SMK. They provided the attendees with handouts which gives insights on how to create an effective stewardship committee. These handouts will be helpful to the person who leads the stewardship committee. Father Day reported that the above expenditure for the Certification of our Youth Minister should be refunded from scholarship money from St. Mary’s New Albany.

NEXT MEETING: Oct. 9th at 7:00pm // Father led us in our closing prayers.