

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

October 9, 2012

Welcome: Jason Nett welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer "Selecting Councilors and Seeking Wisdom"

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

Minutes: Merle made a motion to pass the Minutes of the prior meeting as presented and Betty seconded. Motion was approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Easement for Sewage System: Since there were no representatives for the Starlight Foundation present to present the documents prepared for granting the easement. This will appear on future agendas.

Seminarian from St. Meinrad: 16 people have signed up for "Know Your Faith" Adult Education session tomorrow night.

Report on St. Vincent DePaul Confraternity: Father Day, Mary Schroeder, and Barbara Bierman attended a recent meeting. Next meeting is October 18 here at St. Johns. Bette Buechler may join them.

Christ Our Hope: First weekend in November is Pledge Weekend. Our Parish goal is the same as last year.

Request for Scheduling an Event: A group of ladies requested to host a fundraiser social event. It will be held around Mother's Day. The council approved this request.

Senior Clergy Residence: A motion was made by Cathy Graninger to offer the property and house back to the Starlight Foundation and ask if we can continue to use or to rent the barn to continue to store Strawberry Festival items. There is a TV and DVD player in the Senior Clergy House that the youth ministry room could use, if it becomes available. Tim Book seconded and all were in favor.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: No one from St. Johns was able to attend the Vatican II program on Thursday at SMK. Sr. Joetta did a wonderful presentation on Social Justice, especially explaining the difference between social justice and charitable works. No CFF classes this coming week due to fall break. We have one more K student so our class is up to 3. Shelby Kirchgessner is helping.

Catholics Youth Ministry: Parish Confirmation preparation began on Wed. Sept, 26th at the Parish Center. All 9 candidates were able to come and go over the structure & requirements of the program as well as ask any needed questions. Our Catechists this year include Mary Schroeder, Jim Nett, Katie Orberon, and our parish seminarian, Tim Ruckel. Tim will join us at our next gathering on Oct 24th and facilitate several classes. Per request of several parents, the time will be changed to 6:30-8:00. Due to lack of registrations, the high school faith formation was cancelled this year. We have decided not to offer confirmation next year, only high school faith formation. Confirmation will be offered every other year. We have had difficulties with attendance at YMC meetings. We have rescheduled our next meeting for Oct 30th. We have decided to recruit more members who can commit to monthly meetings.

Liturgical and Spiritual: Baby Bottles have been distributed. It was suggested they be filled with paper money for weight concerns. The parish has 2 weeks to fill and return the bottles. The Commission members are preparing for the upcoming Advent season and have a meeting Thursday to also discuss Thanksgiving Mass preparations. We will again be blessing loaves of bread at our Thanksgiving Anticipation liturgy. We will discuss collections for St. Vincent de Paul Confraternity or for our Angel Tree project.

Maintenance: Repair to the drywall has been done on the walls in the parish hall basement. Dan Regan suggested that we repair/ restore some of the stones in the cemetery. Some are falling down or sinking. It was suggested that we contact Duane Krueger about his thoughts on this project. We have two bids for replacing the carpet in the parish residence. Both bids include around \$1200 to remove the old carpet and to move/replace the furniture. The cheaper of the bids does not include ceramic tile for the downstairs bathroom.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is \$148,500. The balance in the festival account is \$15,000. The Finance Council met on Sept. 27 at which time Damon presented his report on the strawberry Festival. This report was included in the bulletin last weekend. Damon transferred \$39,686.96 from the festival account to the general account. This amount represented the proceeds from the festival.

Fr. Day brought the Finance council up to date on the status of the Senior Clergy property with information that the Archdiocese would allow us to return the property and house to the Starlight Foundation if that is the final decision reached by the Parish Pastoral Council. The finance council approved the purchase of a new color copier at a cost of \$775.

Copies of the stewardship information received at the Aug 23rd regional meeting were passed out in the event they may know someone to chair a Stewardship Committee.

The Archdiocese contracts with Monroe Shine to conduct an Internal Control Review on the deanery parishes every 3 years. The one for this parish will be coming up this fall. In conjunction with that review we completed a very detailed and questionnaire and returned it this past week. Upon Monroe Shine receiving the questionnaire the review will be scheduled at which time we will gather the required documents for review.

We received a \$2,450 bill for the work Larry Timperman did on the design for the awning over the front doors of church. The next meeting is Oct 23rd at 6:30. All are invited.

Communication: Jan 6th the hall is reserved for the parish holiday breakfast. There will be one mass at 9am.

NEXT MEETING: Nov 13th at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.