

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

November 13, 2012

Welcome: Jason Nett welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer “The Pastoral Apostolate and our work Together”

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

Minutes: Diane made a motion to pass the minutes of our October meeting and Hilda seconded. All approved this motion.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Easement for Sewage System and Senior Clergy Residence: No one from the Koetter family was present.

Parish New Year’s Brunch Planning: Betty Vick will be contacted to put sign-up sheets in back of church. On Jan. 6th, we’ll have one mass at 9:00am.

2013 Parish Calendars: These calendars will be available to be picked up by our families. A thank-you to Heck’s Security and Metal Works for sponsoring these calendars.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: At the recent Adult Education Session on the Adult Catechism on Prayer, Our Seminarian presenter, Tim Ruckel, prayed a unique version of the ‘Our Father’. He prayed it backwards.

Catholics Youth Ministry: Confirmation classes have begun. Our last gathering was Wed. Oct. 24th where eight out of nine candidates attended. Mary Schroeder presented our session and was joined by Jim Nett, Time Ruckel, and Katie Orberon. The youth seemed engaged in the class and excited about the program. Our next gathering is Nov. 14th. On Sat. Oct. 20th, 12 middle and high school students participated in a Day of Service with the Center for Women and Families of Southern Indiana. We did lawn maintenance and completed a large fence painting project for the center. The Center approached us about an additional project in December which we are currently exploring. Sunday, Nov. 4th following 10am mass, we held an Open Gym/Open Youth Room social event. Around 10 youth joined. JoAnn Cundiff and Sharon Schmidt served with Katie as chaperones. Our Catholic Youth Ministry Commission met on Tues. Oct. 30th. All members except JoAnn and Jacob Cundiff participated. We discussed winter youth events and

possibility of electing youth and adult officers to assist in planning activities. We will revisit this at our next meeting. We renamed ourselves the “Starlight A-Team” and will meet the first Tuesday of the month.

Liturgical and Spiritual: Our next meeting is coming up soon. After our Thanksgiving liturgy we will continue preparing for the upcoming Advent and Christmas Seasons.

Maintenance: Alfred and Hilda will take care of painting the basement of the Parish Office Building. Painting of the church bids were \$26,450 to paint the walls, and \$720 for the Sacristy. The bids are good for 60 days. Dan Regan, Jason Nett, and Tim Book examined the cemetery and tombstones. At least 20 need repaired at an estimated cost of \$200 each. Keith Heck made a motion to ask Dan Regan if he would want to head up a Cemetery Committee and Tony Balmer seconded it. Motion was approved. It was suggested that parish members might be invited to volunteer to take care of what we can handle and let the professionals repair the larger markers needing repair..

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is \$132,400. The balance in the festival account is \$15,000. The Internal Control Review was conducted by Monroe Shine this past Friday. The results will not be available for a few weeks. There will probably be a few deficiencies but nothing serious. The first quarter report for fiscal year 2012-2013 which covers July, August, and September is being prepared and should be ready for inclusion with the bulletin the weekend of Dec. 8 and 9. Christ Our Hope pledges are coming along fine. We have received 99 cards but quite a few are still out. We hope to exceed our goal since we did in prior years. The next finance council meeting is Nov. 27. There will be a second collection on the weekend of Dec. 1 and 2 to help defray the cost of welcoming Archbishop Tobin. The installation of our new Archbishop will be at 2:00PM at the Cathedral in Indianapolis on Monday, Dec. 3rd. The Parish Council nominated Merle Kruer and Jim Nett to represent our parish at the Installation Mass

Communication: Jason Nett will be contacting Dan Regan.

NEXT MEETING: Dec. 11th at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.