

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

December 11, 2012

Welcome: Jason Nett welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer “Every Parish is Unique & Prayer of Thanks”

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

Minutes: Merle made a motion to accept the minutes and Diane seconded. All agreed!

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Easement for Sewage System and Senior Clergy Residence: At this time the Koetter family is discussing possible donating the acreage/land under which the parish sewer system already exists. The storage barn would remain with the house which means that we might need to seek permission to keep the strawberry festive articles in it. We are not sure who purchased and therefore who owns the furniture but Jason will inquire about it. Diane made a motion to accept their proposal to take the four acres and give the house and shed back to the Starlight Foundation and Paula seconded it. All were in favor.

Parish New Year’s Brunch Planning: Sign-up sheets were put in the back of church. Set up will be Saturday morning, January 5th, at 8am. Paula will ask Bert Craig about decorations.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: We will have 5 students making their First Reconciliation on December 16th. All CFF students will be invited to celebrate this Sacrament at this time. The practice for the Nativity Pageant before the Christmas Anticipation Mass will be Thursday, December 20th, at 6:30PM. The next Sunday CFF class will be Jan. 13, 2013 and will be the only class in January.

Catholics Youth Ministry: Confirmation classes continue on Wednesday evenings. Our December session was held on December 5th. Jim Nett presented the section of Christian Morality. All youth attended and were engaged in the discussion. The next gathering is January 16th. We will have an evening of service on January 23rd with the Confirmation Candidates. We will be making prayer blankets for homebound or nursing home resident parishioners. If anyone would like a blanket for a family member, contact Katie. Blankets will be available for pickup after January 24th. The day of service at the Center for Women and Families was held on Sat. December 8th. We ended up doing a deep clean on the hallways and windows at the center. The youth did a good job. We finished early and went out for hot chocolate. The “Starlight A

Team” met December 4th. We discussed upcoming youth events. The majority of our discussion was centered on creating a Vision, Core Ideology, and long term goals for our parish ministry program. The A Team members wrote letters to several adult parishioners to invite them to our Planning Meeting January 15th. Our goal is to collaborate with several adults to create Vision statements.

Liturgical and Spiritual: The Baby Bottle Boomerang results for 2012 are \$1,923.57. Merle Kruer reported that the Church would be decorated for Christmas on Friday, December 21st after the 8:00AM Mass. Much help is needed and all are welcome!.

Maintenance: Alfred and Hilda will take care of painting the parish office basement. Jason Nett and Dan Regan will put together a small committee for maintenance of the cemetery. Jason talked to a woman from Indy who does seminars on how to clean stones and gets other parishes to do it too. He will work with Joe Andres to put a sketch of all the gravesites. Tim Book, Bert and John Craig, and Jim Kruer will be asked if they would be on this committee.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is \$151,227. 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 was in the bulletin this past weekend.

Christ Our Hope pledges to date total \$11,565, which means we exceeded our goal this past week we sent out friendly reminders to those who had not returned their pledge cards. Damon shared with the Finance Council a proposed questionnaire regarding the Strawberry Festival which, if all goes well, will be inserted in the bulletin the weekend of Jan. 6th. It will give parishioners the opportunity to share their thoughts on the festival, whether positive or negative. It will also give them the chance to suggest changes. We decided a December meeting was not necessary, therefore our next meeting is Jan. 22.

Communication: Ask Bill Nett about the furniture and the possible use of the storage barn and who will be doing the survey needed and prepare the document. Ask Bert, John, and Jim Kruer if they will serve on the Cemetery Committee.

NEXT MEETING: January 8th at 7:00PM.

Father led us in our closing prayers.