

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

January 8, 2013

Welcome: Jason Nett welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer “Open My Heart”

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

Minutes: Tony made a motion to accept the prior meeting minutes and Betty seconded. All approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Easement for Sewage System and Senior Clergy Residence: The Starlight Foundation is willing to assume ownership of the Senior Clergy Residence and land around it. Then this Spring there will be a new survey at which time the Starlight Foundation will donate to the Parish the land with the sewer system and the storage barn. The council directed Fr. Day to proceed with the plan with Brandon Koetter.

Parish New Year’s Brunch Planning: It went well. Father thanked us for his Christmas present. We have reserved January 5, for next year’s celebration.

Request for Fundraiser Breakfast: Mary Temple requested use of the Parish Hall for a Fund-Raising Event for Hosparus. The date approved is Sunday, February 10.

Request for use of Parish Property for Auction: On March 16, Richard Andres Sr. would like to use the property. Hilda made a motion to approve this request and everyone was in favor. Question: Does Richard want the parish to provide lunch as a fundraiser?

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: January 13 will be our only class for K-8th for the month of January. The Aquinas Center, Deanery Youth Ministry and Providence High School are promoting the showing of the movie “October Baby” on January 20, at 2:00PM, in the Providence Auditorium.

Catholics Youth Ministry: Confirmation classes continue on Wednesday evenings. Our January session will be held on January 16 where Katie will present “Christian Service.” Middle school movie morning was January 5 at Corydon Cinemas. Several youth communicated that they wanted to come but had conflicts. We will have an evening of service on January 23

with the Confirmation Candidates and other interested youth. We will be making prayer blankets for the homebound or nursing home residents. Dodge Ball Tourney at St. Mary's Navilleton on January 20. Starlight A Team has a meeting on January 15. Our adult representatives are Paula Zurschmiede, Connie Missi, Ashley Davenport, and Sharon Schmidt. Our goal is to collaborate to create our vision statements.

Liturgical and Spiritual: Parish Envelope Contribution letters will be available in Church this weekend for pick up.

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent is February 13.

Maintenance: Tim Book, Bert Craig, Jim Nett, Paula Meunier, Larry Buechler, Dan Reagan and Joe Andres are interested in serving on a Cemetery Committee. Joe and Dan have started on a spread sheet with names, birthdates, death dates. This Committee will meet in February. They will make a plan of action on what needs to be done and communicate to the council their recommendations. Alfred and Hilda think the basement may just need to be cleaned and not painted.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is \$168,854. The balance in the Festival Account is \$15,000. Christ Our Hope pledges to date total \$14,212, which means we exceeded our goal by \$3,895. We have received estimates for new blinds for the downstairs windows in the Parish residence. It includes laundry room, kitchen, dining room, and sitting room. We got bids on 2 types: 2 inch wooden and 1 inch aluminum. The estimate for wooden is \$1,372.43 and aluminum was around \$1,200. The Finance Committee decided a December meeting was not necessary, therefore our next meeting will be January 22.

Communication: Communicate Next Year's brunch date; the Hosparus fundraiser; report that we exceeded our Christ Our Hope goal; and the Deanery Visit of our New Archbishop Joseph Tobin for Mass at St. Mary of the Knobs on Tuesday, January 29.

NEXT MEETING: February 12 at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.