

## SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### Minutes

February 12, 2013

**Welcome:** Jason Nett welcomed all.

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Day led us in the prayer “A Discerning Heart”

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

**Minutes:** Keith made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Tony seconded and they were approved.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

**Easement for Sewage System and Senior Clergy Residence:** Father read a letter from Bishop Coyne and Eric Atkins stating that they will take care of the paperwork to give back the property to the Starlight Foundation. In return the Starlight Foundation will donate to the parish the approximate 5 acres of land where the sewage lateral lines are located and the property around the storage barn and the barn itself.

**Electronic Tithing Option:** There is a possibility of setting up automatic transfers of parish contributions. We need to find out how many parishioners might be interested. To be cost effective for us we would need at least 10 or more due to a \$35 monthly fee for this option at Community Bank.

**Time and Talent Volunteers from UCA Cards:** Father gave out lists to contact people who volunteered for various ministries on the recent UCA Stewardship forms.

**Request for Fundraiser in Hall:** There is a pending request by Kenny Koetter for 2/24 or 3/3 and Ginny Balmer on 3/17. Unanimous approval.

### COMMISSION REPORTS:

**Faith Formation:** February 10 was our last long day program for this Winter Season. We want to thank Father Day for preparing the students as altar servers. In March, we go back to meeting between the Sunday Masses. We will need to find assitional catechists for the next school year. Should we start advertising now? Don't forget the adult study group here at St. Johns. It is wonderful DVD presentation on Catholicism. We meet on Wednesday evenings and the next session is Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Catholics Youth Ministry:** Confirmation classes continue on Wednesday evenings. Our Jan. session was held on January 16 where Katie presented “Christian Service.” Our next gathering is February 20. There is a special gathering at OLPH for our candidates and sponsors on March 3. We had an evening of service on Jan. 23. The youth made 11 prayer blankets. The Dodgeball tournament was Jan. 20. Part of the profits from the Lenten Fish Fries will go the Youth Ministry. Paoli Ski trip will be February 24. We have 2 chaperones and drivers in place. Youth will need to meet at Highlander point and register by Feb.

19. One Bread One Cup is June 26-30. It is a national event for youth that gives them liturgical ministry formation, time for spiritual and theological reflection, and social time. We have begun our efforts of promotion of this event. Our planning meeting for the Starlight A Team was Jan 15. We were able to draft our Vision statements and long term goal with participation from the youth and adult leaders.

**Liturgical and Spiritual:** Next meeting is Feb. 21. Lenten masses will be on Mondays at 7pm and stations on Fridays at 4:30.

**Maintenance:** Tim Book reported that Larry Beuchler's daughter will go through the cemetery to determine which stones need repaired. There is a donor who will provide funds for a carport-like addition for the East kitchen door. Father indicated that if this can be done under \$5,000, he could give approval for this project.

**Strawberry Festival Committee Report:** Jason reported what was discussed and decided at the recent meeting of the Festival Committee. There was a good turn-out for this meeting and many great ideas. This year the Festival Dance will be the Friday before the Festival on May 17.

**Financial Report:** The balance in the general account is \$65,900. The balance in the festival account is \$15,000. The general account is significantly lower than our last meeting because at our January Finance Council meeting we voted to deposit \$100,000 into our ADLF account at the Archdiocesan level. It is recommended by the Archdiocese that we retain in our general account no more than an amount approximating three months of expenses, which would be around \$60,000. Since we did not foresee any significant expenses in the near future, we get more interest on our money and can get the funds back at any time we need.

Christ Our Hope pledges to date total \$14,312.

The new blinds for the downstairs windows have been installed and cost \$1,146.50.

We should be receiving refund of \$1,194 from excess payments of health insurance. Apparently we paid more than the average for small entities. The appropriate forms have been filed to receive this refund.

The Finance Council is working on the financial report to the parish for the second quarter. We will finalize at our February meeting and include on the weekend bulletin. The next meeting is February 26.

**Communication:** Inform the parish by means of our parish bulletins of possible electronic-tithing; of the 7pm Monday Lenten Masses; and of Stations of the Cross Devotions at 4:30pm on the Fridays with Fish Fry to follow from 5 to 7pm..

NEXT MEETING: March 12th at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.