

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

March 12, 2013

Welcome: Jason Nett welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer “Prayer for Wisdom”

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

Minutes: Betty made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Diane seconded. All approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Easement for Sewage System and Senior Clergy Residence: Eric Atkins from the Archdiocese will be speaking with Brandon Koetter concerning returning the property back to the Starlight foundation. When the weather breaks, the approximately 5 acres of land where the lateral lines are now located will be surveyed and donated to the parish by the Starlight Foundation.

Electronic Tithing Option: Only 2 parishioners have expressed interest at this time. Jason will communicate this option to the parish at large again, but we need at least 10 contributors interested to make this option feasible for our parish.

Strawberry Festival Meeting: Michael Book worked up the new logo- 300+ have already viewed on Facebook. Tony Balmer talked about advertising and he had business cards and flyers made with info. We also discussed the need for outdoor lighting at the dance this year.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: 5 children will be making their first Holy Communion on Sunday, April 7th.

Catholics Youth Ministry: Confirmation classes continue on Wednesday evenings. Our next gathering is March 13. Mike Patin was at OLPH on March 3rd for a special gathering. Part of the profits from the Lenten Fish Fries will go the Youth Ministry. They have helped over the past few weeks. Several families attended the Paoli ski trip. Everyone enjoyed it. One Bread One Cup is June 26-30, at St. Meinrad Seminary. It is a national event for youth that gives them liturgical ministry formation, time for spiritual and theological reflection, and social time. Two youths are registered. The parish council has agreed to pay the balance. NCYC is November 20-23 in Indy. We have begun promotions for this event. St. John, Starlight and St. Mary,

Navilleton will register together for better accommodation rates. There is a meeting March 11 at Navilleton. Youth commission Starlight A Team met and planned next open youth room. The whole group will help with different aspects. Skyzone outing is scheduled for April 5.

Liturgical and Spiritual: Working on getting more volunteers for liturgical ministers, servers, and readers. Two people have signed up, at this time, for Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday.

Maintenance: Dan Regan held a committee meeting to set goals for parish members to help with the cemetery. Materials to clean stones will cost approximately \$110. The parish council approved a budget of \$1000 for this cemetery maintenance fund.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is \$82,400. The balance in the festival account is \$14,397. We voted to deposit \$100,000 into our ADLF account at the Archdiocesan level. This transfer has been completed and the balance is \$294,605.

The refund of \$1,194 from excess payments of health insurance has been received that we talked about last month. The filing costs were waived this year by the person handling the filing but in the future any filing will cost approximately \$150.

The Finance Council presented the 2nd quarter financial report in the bulletin this past weekend. We were late getting it out due to Barb Bierman being busy with tax season and researching and verifying some of the numbers. The finance council voted to cover the additional costs of the Pastor's newer Windows Phone. The cost will run around \$120/month. Merle will be attending the winter 2013 Stewardship meeting at St. Paul, Sellersburg, on March 14. We are still looking for someone to chair this committee. No one has yet accepted approaches made.

Father Day announced: We have received an anonymous donation to cover the cost of purchasing a quilt for a raffle at the Strawberry Festival.

Communication: Ask parishioners who might be interested in auto-tithing to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

NEXT MEETING: April 9 at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.