

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

April 9, 2013

Welcome: Keith Heck welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer “The Burden is Heavy!”

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

Minutes: Merle made a motion to pass and Betty seconded.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Easement for Sewage System and Senior Clergy Residence: Eric Atkins has not yet spoken with Brandon Koetter to finalize the return of the Senior Clergy residence property agreement yet.

Electronic Tithing Option: Only 2 parishioners interested.

Strawberry Festival Meeting: T shirts will be in the back of church to order. Tony had info cards printed. Raffle chances are being printed up. We will be making new street signs. The new flyer has information on the front and back. Help is needed to place the signs in yards and on the roads. Due to the cost, we will not be included in the State Festival Guide this year. We will have radio announcements on 102.3 and 106.9 in May.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: 5 kids made their first Holy Communion on April 27th. Our next activity is the May Crowning on May 5. In May, we will have the Father Richard Smith Scholarship to advertise.

Catholics Youth Ministry: SkyZone Outing Friday April 5th – This was a very popular event! We had 15 youth from the parish sign up to go to the indoor trampoline park, “SkyZone” in Louisville. Adult chaperones included Zack Book & Tina Lacy. Confirmation classes continue to gather on Wednesday evenings. Our last gathering, “Eucharist” was on March 13th. All but 1 youth attended and participated fully. Our final formal class gathering is set for this coming Wednesday April 17th. Our practice & prayer service will take place on Wednesday May 1st and our follow-up gathering (Ministry Fair) will be the following Wednesday May 8th. Future Confirmation Classes- During the next (school) year 2013-2014, we will offer Confirmation preparation. However, the year after that (2014-2015), we will begin implementing a 2-year

Confirmation program. Candidates to be confirmed in 2016 will need to participate in a year of high school religious education during the 2014-2015 year followed by Confirmation preparation during 2015-2016. One Bread, One Cup Liturgical Leadership Conference @ St. Meinrad Archabbey- June 26-30. This national event is a unique and impactful conference for youth that gives them liturgical ministry formation (i.e.: lecturing, communion ministry, presiding at Liturgy of the Hours, etc.), time for spiritual and theological reflection as well as social time. Two youth, Grace Missi & Brandon Lacy will be attending, final payment has been sent to St. Meinrad. National Catholic Youth Conference- November 20-23 @ Indianapolis, IN- We have received initial deposits and pre-registration forms from three parish youth! The St. John's and St. Mary's, Navilleton groups will complete our formal joint-registration in late April-early May. The Youth Commission/"Starlight A-Team" had our last meeting on Tuesday Apr. 2nd. We discussed officer roles and summer programming. Furthermore, we discussed working on a piece of the art & environment of the Thematic Park at NCYC. Members voted to complete this as a summer service project. All youth and adult members attended. Our May meeting will take place at Bean Street Café at Highlander Pointe. Open Gym/ Game Day – This event will be held on Sunday April 14th, following the 10 o'clock mass until 1pm in the Gym and Youth Room.

Liturgical and Spiritual: We are working on getting the young people who will be confirmed this year to sign up for Liturgical Ministries here at our parish.

Maintenance: Nothing to report.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is \$65,150. The balance in the festival account is \$14,414. Due to the regularly scheduled finance council meeting date falling on Holy week, and not having anything urgent to discuss, we did not have a meeting in March. We are still looking for someone to chair the Stewardship Committee. We have someone who is considering but will not be available until June.

Communication: Nothing

NEXT MEETING: May 14 at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.