

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

May 14, 2013

Welcome: Jason Nett welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer “**Give and Take**”

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Strawberry Festival Update: We have our liquor and gaming licenses. Betty Roll is sending out emails to booth chairmen and will be finalizing the work list. We will have new booths: basketball and filled-jars. Posters for the dance have been distributed. Radio Stations 102.3 and 106.9 will start advertising on Thursday. We will have 4 TV spots on Fox 41. Cindy will be on Good Day Live. Give Michael Book a Thank you for the design of the festival billboard. Damon is doing a great job. Area for kids will have inflatables from Fun Masters and there will be a 70/30 split in.

Nomination Committee for Parish Council: Tim, Diane, and Hilda are to enlist nominees. We need at least 4 as 3 will need to be elected to fill our vacancies.

Archbishop Tobin’s letter: Jason read a letter Father Day received from the Archbishop appointing him as Pastor at St John the Baptist, Starlight, for another year.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: Sharon Schmidt reported that the Rev. Richard Smith scholarship applications are available in the back of church and the announcement is in the bulletin. We are looking for teachers for CFF for 2013-2014. We have 2 students willing to help. The Dessert and Discipleship Parish Evangelization Meeting is this Thursday evening at St. Augustine.

Catholics Youth Ministry: Katie Orberon reported that parish youth showed up in force to help out with the Strawberry Festival this year! The Soda Booth seemed to do quite well, we ran out of almost every soft drink and the youth who worked did a truly excellent job. JoAnn Adams and I were very proud of them! 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. Our group will carpool with St. Michael's Bradford to save on gas expenses. An information letter with our itinerary was sent out to participants and their parents on May 28th. National Catholic Youth Conference- November 20-23 @ Indianapolis, IN- We have sent in our parish registrations and initial deposits (\$100 each, paid by participants). The group includes: Grace Missi, Emily Koetter, Olivia Lucas, and Patrick McPhillips. Adult chaperones are Tim Book and Katie Orberon. The Youth Ministry Office informed me that ours were the first registrations received and processed. One of our Summer Daze projects will involve painting part of the set for NCYC. Youth Commission/ "Starlight A-Team- We had our final meeting before we break for the summer on May 22nd. We discussed summer programming, as well as the next year schedule. Since the Summer Daze high school leaders serve on our Youth Commission, we also went over their prayer service outlines so that they will be prepared to lead these prayer services in our Summer Daze program. We then had our "end-of-year" celebration at Berry Twist©. Middle School Belle Cruise, June 10th- This Deanery event was a fun community-building activity for middle school youth. Our 13 parish youth joined youth from other deanery parishes for a cruise on the Belle of Louisville which included games, a dance, etc. JoAnn Adams and Trisha Titus were trained ahead of time to serve as Project Leaders for this activity and chaperoned the parish group.

Summer Daze – We have 5 middle school participants signed up and 4 high school leaders (Emily Koetter, Lauren Titus, Brandon Lacy & Grace Missi). These high school leaders will facilitate Morning Prayer services and serve as assistants on-site. On June 25th, July 2nd, and July 9th, we will gather in the morning for prayer and then head out to a service sites in the community that this year will include painting a piece of the set for NCYC (the National Catholic Youth Conference), Center for Women and Families, Southern Indiana, and Guerin Woods. After our service, we will head to social sites during the afternoon (including SkyZone, Bowling, and Atlantis Waterpark). Youth Mass May 19th- Three parish youth and I attended the Deanery Youth Mass at Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville on Sunday May 19th. It was a beautiful evening and those present had a good time socializing with other youth and playing outdoor games. Several of them expressed interest in hosting a youth mass at Starlight.

Liturgical and Spiritual: No Report

Maintenance: Koetter Construction put a new closure on the kitchen door of the gym. Larry Stumler installed the plugs needed for the ice cream machine. Jason got the report from Dan Regan on the cemetery. They removed the yucca plant and small tree from the old part of the cemetery and repaired some toppled stones.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is approximately \$62,050.00 and the balance in the festival account is \$14,509.48 The Finance Council met on April 23rd and discussed the following topics:

- Merle's attendance at the deanery Stewardship meeting which was devoted to the pros and cons of separating the United Catholic Appeal/Christ Our Hope campaign from the parish stewardship time, talent and treasure portion. Some parishes have separated it thinking that the time, talent, and treasure piece should be at another time of the year. After discussion, the Finance Council voted to keep them together for now since it seems to be working OK for us.
- Electronic Tithing: We are proceeding with the setup for this service as we have 8 families signed up and some others that have expressed an interest. Fr. Day, Dottie, and I met with Ray Lucas of Community Bank on May 8th to discuss the process. We have signed the contract and will start getting the signed authorizations to be ready to start it on July 1st.
- The Finance Council approved a donation of \$500 to Billboards for Life. These monies will come from the Christ Our Hope rebates which are to be used for outreach ministry.
- Use of memorial monies for the purchase of a new Holy Water container for church was approved. We used the remaining \$611 of the Peterson monies.
- The third quarter report was reviewed and approved. It was included with the bulletin the weekend of April 27th and 28th.
- We preliminarily discussed providing tuition assistance to families who are, or will be sending their children to catholic schools at neighboring parishes. We are doing research and no decision has been made at this time.
- The budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014 was finalized by the Finance Council. It was presented to the Parish Council for your review and ratification along with the projected three-year capital expenditure report. The motion to accept the budget as presented was agreed to by the full council.
- We still need someone to chair the Stewardship Commission. One person is still considering it but would not be available until June. I am sure she would not mind if someone wanted to step forward prior to that time.

Communication: Jason will send items to Paulette for printing in the next bulletin.

NEXT MEETING: June 11 at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.