

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

June 11, 2013

Welcome: Jason Nett welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: In the absence of Fr. Day, Jason led us in the prayer “In Times of Conflict”

Roll Call: Jason Nett, Betty Vick, Diane Martin, Merle Kruer, Tony Balmer, Keith Heck, Connie Missi, Alfred Schmidt, and Hilda Schmidt were **present**.

Fr. Day, Katherine Brewer, Paula Andres, and Sharon Schmidt were **excused**.

Tim Book and Cathy Graninger were **absent**.

Minutes: Keith made a motion to pass with the necessary correction and Betty seconded. The correction will be made by Jason prior to submitting the minutes to Dustin Wilcox for upload to the parish website.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Strawberry Festival Update: Tony reported that the Strawberry Festival Facebook page reached 32,000 people. We will need more discussion on dinner.

Status of Senior Clergy Residence and Property: Bishop Coyne signed paperwork which deeded back these properties to the Starlight Foundation. Once this is recorded in the County Clerk’s Office, we will be ready to have a survey done to determine what the Foundation will be donating to the parish.

Ballot Prep for Parish Council Election: Jason gave information to Dottie on candidates. Tim, Hilda and Diane will see that all bios needed are in hand to be available to parishioners in the June 23rd bulletin. Ballots will be prepared and placed in the pews for voting the weekend of June 30.

July 4th Parade and Festival Party: Scheduled for Sunday afternoon, June 30. We will gather at 1:00PM for Pledge and Song at 1:15PM. The parade will take off at 1:30PM. Melvin Rosenberger and and Brian Everage will lead with motorcycles. Lunch served at 2:30PM back at the Parish Hall and will consist of hot dogs, hamburgers, and ice cream. If bad weather happens, we will just have lunch.

Request for donation and Installation of memorial Trees: The Callistus Smith family through Ann Jeanette Baker would like to donate two Yellowwood trees in memory of Callistus and Geneva. Council agreed to the planting of these trees along with a plaque on the west side of the parish residence. Don Smith will follow up on the actual planting. Hilda made a motion to

accept this donation and Diane seconded. Jason will contact the Smith Family. Father Day said that he would accept and ratify the Council decision.

Suggestion made for upgrade of Parish Hall/School toilets: We are not in favor of an upgrade. Hilda will check into towel dispensers. Father suggested updating the lights. Other possibilities are a new fan for the men's room and paint.

Request to hold Alzheimer's Fund Raising Dinner Aug 17: Ginny Balmer would like to have dinner after 5pm mass. Tony has license through Knights of Columbus is raffle is necessary. Keith approved and Tony seconded. Tony will communicate the approval of this event to Ginny Balmer.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: We have not received any Rev. Richard Smith scholarship apps. We are looking for teachers for CFF for 2013-2014. There is a new program to replace VIRTUS training called Safe and Sacred. Effective Aug. 1, all new members working with children will be required to complete this online training.

Catholics Youth Ministry: Strawberry Festival- 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: Father asks whether we can remove the overgrown hemlock removed around the deck. It was suggested that it be removed and then decide what we might want and need to do. We will have Brian Martin to inspect and make recommendations.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is approximately \$57,337 and the balance in the festival account is \$90,380.00. The Finance Council did not meet in May as we had nothing of importance to discuss that could not wait until our June meeting which will be held on the 25th. All are invited to attend. The collection for the Oklahoma tornado victims taken up this past weekend totaled \$1,123. We will be sending these monies to Catholic Charities shortly.

To date we have 9 persons signed up for E-tithing. We would like to get more since this service is costing us \$35 per month regardless of the number of persons who sign up. We are still working to find someone willing to take on the formation and chairing of a Stewardship Commission. If anyone has a candidate let me know and I will contact them.

Communication: All biographies for Pastoral Council nominees are to be sent to Dottie Thomas for publication in an upcoming bulletin. Jason will contact the Smith Family to discuss the next step in planting the donated Yellowwood trees. Tony will communicate with Ginny Blamer regarding the Council's approval of the Alzheimer's dinner.

NEXT MEETING: July 9 at 7:00pm

Jason led us in our closing prayers.