

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

July 9, 2013

Welcome: Keith Heck welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Day led us in the prayer: "Boredom and Lack of Purpose"

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Completion/Accuracy of Roster Information for Web Page: Father asked that any changes be put on the private-use version and passed back to him.

Election of Officers: Paula made a motion to nominate Jason for president and Keith for vice president. Tony seconded. All were in favor. Paula was re-nominated for secretary and accepted.

Status of Senior Clergy Residence and Property: We no longer own the senior clergy residence. The Starlight foundation owns it. Plans are being made to transfer to the parish the land for parking for the festival and possible use of the barn used for storage. More to come on this land acquisition.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: We have received three applications for the Rev. Richard Smith scholarship. Registration for 2013-2014 School Year for grades K-8th will be Sunday, Aug. 25th, after 8 and 10am masses. The next Aquinas Center Movie and Pizza night is Aug. 5th. The movie is "Gandhi".

Catholics Youth Ministry: 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 attended the conference and participated respectively in the Lector Ministry & Hospitality and Stewardship tracks. They seemed much

fulfilled by the Conference and were excited about continuing to get more involved in parish ministry. Overall, the Conference went extremely well and we are so very thankful that the Council approved the necessary funds for us to participate!

Confirmation 2013-14- Catechists for this next year have been chosen (Mary Schroder and John Rowan). We will be sending out a mailing to eligible high school-aged youth in the coming weeks and sign-ups will follow morning masses on Sunday August 25th.

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 Orberson. 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 (see below). NOTE: We are EXTREMELY thankful for the parish's support that is making it possible for us to go on these incredible trips! Thank you!

Youth Commission/ "Starlight A-Team- Our Orientation meeting for the 2013-2014 year has been set for Tuesday evening, August 20th in the Youth Room.

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). Today was our final Tuesday of the Summer Daze program. (We had previously gathered on June 25th, July 2nd, as well as today, July 9). Our high school leaders facilitated prayer for the other participants and we served in various capacities throughout our Tuesday gatherings. We painted a piece of the set for NCYC (the National Catholic Youth Conference), did some additional painting projects for the Center for Women and Families, Southern Indiana, and visited with residents at Guerin Woods Senior Center. After our service, we went to social sites and really had a great time. Our sites this year were SkyZone, Eastern Lanes Bowling, and Atlantis Waterpark. Overall, the program was a success.

Liturgical and Spiritual: There is a meeting this Thursday night.

Maintenance: The new door on the east side of church looks rough. Steve Smith would like to send the door to Michael's to be refinished. Costs are \$700 to complete the whole outside. He would put 3 coats of varnish on. Tony made a motion to remove the door and Betty seconded for

Michael's to finish the outside of the door. The deck on the residence has hemlocks which are overgrown. Larry Martin made a bid to remove them and put in 31 wood mountain shrubs and rocks. Bid is \$1,347. Poles will show after hemlock is torn out so Steve Smith will look into having them wrapped. Betty made a motion to accept Larry's bid and Katie seconded. The bathrooms in the School Building will have new paper towel holders, and need a fan to circulate air in the Men's restroom. Another possibility is purchasing a motion sensor so fans will start when the bathroom is in use. The Men's restroom needs new florescent lighting.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is approximately \$63,800 and the balance in the festival account is \$ 82,628.04.

To date we have 15 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.

Our fiscal year 2012-2013 ended June 30th. We are working on the 4th quarter report for issuance to the parishioners. After this is completed we will be working on the annual report to the Archdiocese which is due in mid-September.

We voted to donate \$5,000 of our COH rebates to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, however before sending them the monies we want to check with them at their next meeting to see if they need our funds at this time. We have approximately \$7,000 in rebates that we can use for Outreach Ministry.

Summer missionary appeals have been set for July 27-28 and August 17-18. A Viatorian Missionary priest out of Chicago will be with us in July and a nun from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Corondelet in St. Louis will be with us in August.

The next Deanery Stewardship meeting is scheduled for August 22nd at St. Anthony in Clarksville. I have invited Mary Schroder to accompany me to this meeting in hopes that she will take on the formation and chairing of a Stewardship Commission. If anyone has other candidates let me know and I will invite them also.

I got a call from Steve Smith re: refurbishing the ramp entrance door. The cost to do just the bottom portion would be about \$250 and the entire door would be around \$700. He would like to send it in to Michaels since he can use a better grade of varnish which would hopefully last longer. Steve also felt that the front doors are showing some wear and wondered whether we should do something with them also.

Communication: Merle will talk to Steve Smith about the approved side door project. Larry Martin can start his project.

NEXT MEETING: August 13 at 7:00pm

Father Day led us in our closing prayers.