

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

## Minutes

August 13, 2013

**Welcome:** Jason Nett welcomed all.

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Day led us in the prayer “**Recovering Our Focus**”

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

**Minutes:** Merle made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Keith seconded. All approved. Noted: Stephanie Book is in the magazine *Southern Indiana Living* receiving a Maxi award for Bank Marketing Excellence in Indiana.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

**Christ our Hope 2013-2014:** The campaign will start soon and we are hopeful that we can again reach our goal which is the same as last year at \$10,317.

**Appeal from St. Elizabeth/Catholic Charities:** The Finance committee in response to an appeal from St. Elizabeth/Catholic Charities requested the Parish Pastoral Council approve a donation of \$5000. Marlin made a motion to approve and Betty seconded. The monies will come from overage in our Christ Our Hope Campaigns from the last two years and are earmarked for outreach ministries. We also can to put in the bulletin that St. Elizabeth needs volunteers to help out.

**Donation to Tri-Parish St. Vincent de Paul Confraternity:** From the same funds just described a donation of \$5000 was already approved at our prior meeting.

### COMMISSION REPORTS:

**Faith Formation:** Registration for CFF classes will be on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for junior high catechists.

**Catholics Youth Ministry: Middle School Jamboree- Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>-** This Saturday two of our parish youth and I will attend the annual Deanery Middle School Jamboree at St Augustine- Jeffersonville. The day features break-out sessions on various topics, carnival games, mass, a dance and more. We are very excited about this event! **Confirmation 2013-14-** Catechists for this next year have been chosen (Mary Schroder and John Rowan). We have mailed information to families of High school-aged youth in the coming weeks and sign-ups will follow morning masses on Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation Day this year has been set for

Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> at OLPH, New Albany. **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 Brewer. We have the majority of our paperwork is completed and has been processed by the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Office. **Youth Commission/ "Starlight A-Team-** Our Orientation meeting for the 2013-2014 year has been set for Tuesday evening, August 20<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room. We will meet every third Tuesday of the Month. Members will be asked to participate in the New Albany Deanery "Peer Leadership" retreat on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>. At our first meeting the youth will help confirm the parish programming calendar for the year. **Dodgeball Night/ Open Youth Room!-** This event has been scheduled for Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm in the Gym and Youth Room as a kick-off social event. We will continue offering monthly Open Gyms. **Fall Youth Retreat Opportunities-** The Peer Leadership Retreat (September 21<sup>st</sup>), and the "Catholic 101" Retreat will be offered by the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries Office. These will be promoted to parish youth as valuable opportunities for spiritual formation and fun!

**Liturgical and Spiritual:** Four new students have expressed a desire to become Eucharistic Ministers. New workbooks for 2014 have been ordered at a savings of \$2.00 per book. Most of our ushers have been contacted about the new procedures recently adopted. The new music has been purchased for a complete new musical Mass setting so that we can change the Sung Mass with the seasons. It is anticipated that we can start using Mass of Spirit and Life for Advent. Father Day praised those parishioners that set up for each liturgy. Some of our first graders are a bit intimidated to be Altar Servers. Families who are connected to the person for whom the mass is offered to are being asked to take up the gifts at the Offertory. Our next meeting is Sept. 3.

**Maintenance:** Mark Koetter trimmed the shrubs by the gym. We'd like for John Rowan to see how it looks and to decide if they still need removed. The Smith family sent the parish a letter of thanks for the services of the parish to their family on the occasion of the death and burial of Geneva Smith. Along with the letter was a very generous check and a thank you for our willingness to also accept a donation to plant 2 trees on our parish grounds in honor of their parents.

**Financial Report:** The balance in the General Account is approximately \$76,500.00 and the balance in the Festival Account is \$81,215.99.

Our E-tithing now has 16 persons signed up.

Our fiscal year 2012-2013 ended June 30th. The fourth quarter report was included with the bulletin the weekend of August 3-4. This reported also reflected the activity for the entire year and hopefully you had an opportunity to review it to note that thanks to your and the other parishioners generosity we were able to meet our expenses without the use of Strawberry

Festival monies. We will now be working on the Annual Report to the Archdiocese which is due in mid-September.

You may recall that at the last meeting I mentioned that the Finance Council voted to donate \$5,000 of our COH rebates to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. We checked with them and they can use the funds at this time, so we will be sending them a check in that amount.

Since our last meeting we have received a \$5,000 request from St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities to partner with them in obtaining additional space to assist with the distribution of maternity and baby clothing, baby beds, car seats, and other baby items. They have received so many donations from the community that they have outgrown their current space, and would also like to expand the distribution process. The Finance Council has approved this request. These funds will be taken from our COH rebates.

As of June 30th of this year, we have received COH rebates totaling \$12,127.36. Keep in mind that these monies must be used for outreach ministries and cannot be used for parish expenses. To date we have donated \$1,000 of these monies to Billboards for life; will be sending \$5,000 to The St. Vincent DePaul Society; and will be sending \$5,000 to St. Elizabeth's. This will leave us with \$1,127.36 for other outreach opportunities.

I mentioned at the last meeting that the next Deanery Stewardship meeting is scheduled for August 22nd at St. Anthony in Clarksville, and that I invited Mary Schroder to accompany me to this meeting in hopes that she will take on the formation and chairing of a Stewardship Commission. She has agreed to attend the meeting and hopefully take on this responsibility. She may be looking for persons to assist in this effort.

**Communication:** The Annual Board of Directors meeting was held on August 13, 2013, prior to this parish council meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 10 at 7:00pm

Father Day led us in our Closing Prayer.