

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

September 10, 2013

Welcome: Jason Nett welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Jason led us in the prayer “**The Reality of Parish Life**”.

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

Minutes: Merle made a motion to accept and Connie seconded. Minutes approved as presented.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Christ our Hope 2013-2014: The campaign will start soon and we plan to reach our goal which is the same as last year, \$10,317.

Thank you note for Alzheimer’s Desert Dinner Evening: The Koetter and Andres families sent a thank you note for the \$28,000 funds raised. It was very successful.

Request for approval of CJ Smith Fundraising Breakfast: The dates proposed are Nov. 17, 2013 and Sept 14, 2014. The Parish Secretary reports that these dates are available. Merle motioned to approve this request and Sharon seconded. Motion approve by all.

Request from Providence Jr. High for use of facility: The PHS Jr. High has requested the use of our Parish Hall for a Day of Retreat for their 7th Grade Students on Oct. 3rd, from 9am-2pm. Tony made a motion to approve this request and Merle seconded. Motion approved by all.

Strawberry Festival: There was a discussion about creating an outline/timeline for whom to contact and when to complete activities for Strawberry Festival planning.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: K-12 classes were held Sept. 8. We celebrated the Blessed Virgin’s birthday. We made a quilt of pictures of Mary and her special prayers. We have a total of 23 students. Don’t forget our own adult faith formation series, Father Barron’s Catholicism adult faith formation. Discussions will be facilitated by Father Day and Katie Brewer. We will gather on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month beginning this Thursday, Sept 12 from 7-8:30. The Aquinas center is hosting a faith formation series: The New Evangelization by Father Robert Barron. It shows us how to put our faith into action in today’s secular world. The program is on 6 Wednesdays beginning Sept. 18 from 7-8:30. Cost is \$20. This year’s catechists are Krissy Goffinet, Peggy Koetter, Joanne Cundiff, and Tina Nash.

Catholics Youth Ministry: Middle School Jamboree- Saturday August 17th- Katie and 2 youth from the parish attended the annual Deanery Middle School Jamboree at St Augustine-Jeffersonville. The day featured break-out sessions on various topics, carnival games, mass, a dance and more. The Jamboree was highly engaging and we will work on increasing promotion so that more middle-school youth can experience this fun and meaningful event. **Confirmation 2013-14**- Sign-ups were held following morning masses on Sunday August 25th. We have 7 registered youth this year: Chas Adams, Laruen Titus, Gabe Schmidt, Olivia Nash, Ryan Huber, Skyler Koetter, & Emily Koetter. The first gathering will be the Parent Meeting set for Wednesday 11 September. Confirmation Day this year has been set for Saturday May 17th 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 was held on Tuesday August 20th in the Youth Room. We discussed and worked on the youth ministry calendar for the year. 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 21st. Our next meeting is set for Tuesday September 17th. **Dodgeball Night/ Open Youth Room!** - was held on Thursday August 29th, 7-9pm in the Gym and Youth Room as a kick-off social event. Around 8 youth attended and we gathered for brief prayer followed by outdoor and indoor games followed by an ice-cream sundae bar. Those who participated really seemed to enjoy the evening. We will continue offering monthly Open Gyms. **Open Youth Room- Sun September 8th**- is set for 11am-1pm in the Parish Gym & Youth Room. We will be making a live "Angry Birds" game for the youth group. JoAnn Cundiff will serve as our chaperone. **Fall Youth Retreat Opportunities**- The Peer Leadership Retreat (September 21st), 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: The Baby Bottle Boomerang fund-raising program for St. E's & Catholic Charities will begin on the weekend of Oct. 5/6 with the distribution of the bottles that will be due back on the Oct. 26/27 weekend. All Souls Day this year is on Saturday, Nov. 2, and there will be an 8:00AM Mass on this Morning.

Maintenance: Shrubs by the parish hall gym have been trimmed. All activities in the gym must be scheduled through the parish office. Discussion arose of how many keys are out. Only the racks in the garage are those to be loaned out.

Financial Report: The Finance Council met on August 29, 2013 and at that meeting the Annual Financial Report for 2012-2013 was approved. The report has been forwarded to the Archdiocese well ahead of the September 15 due date. At that meeting a check was written from the Festival Account in the amount of \$52,204 for deposit into the General Account. The balance in the General Account is approximately \$ 112,000 and the balance in the Festival Account is \$ 29,011.99. We will be transferring some of the funds from the general account into our ADLF account since we are only allowed to keep an amount that approximates 3 months of expenses.

\$15,512 of the Festival Account balance must be used to pay “allowable expenses” per the Indiana Gaming Commission. These monies represent the amount of income generated during the festival from the gaming booths. This money cannot be transferred into our general account due to the inability of the Gaming Commission to track the use of these funds which can only be used for expenses which are on their list of allowable expenses. The remaining monies in the Festival Account will be used for start-up for the next festival.

Also at that meeting the Finance Council voted to deposit the \$10,000 from the Callistus and Geneva Smith family gift to the parish into the Cemetery Endowment account. This will insure that the funds will continually generate income into perpetuity which can be used for cemetery upkeep. This decision was ratified by the full Pastoral Council. Our E-tithing now has 17 persons signed up. As of the end of July we have \$1,558.61 left of our COH rebates to be used for outreach opportunities. At the last Deanery Stewardship meeting the topic was “Radical Welcoming and Hospitality”. We received a survey form which can be used to assess how welcoming and hospitable our parish is. A copy of this form was provided to each of the Parish Council members for their review. The cost of sending 5 young people and 2 adults from the parish to NCYC in Indianapolis this fall is \$2,915. This expenditure was voted on and approved by the Finance Council and the Parish Pastoral Council in prior meetings.

Communication: All activities must be scheduled with parish office and parish rental policy.

NEXT MEETING: Oct. 8 at 7:00pm

Jason led us in our closing prayers.