

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

October 8, 2013

Welcome: Jason Nett welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Jason led us in the prayer “**Doing What We Can**”

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

Minutes: Paula made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Keith seconded. Approved by all.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Christ our Hope 2013-2014: Father Day will start be inviting parishioners to be generous on Intention Weekend which is the first weekend of November.

Request/Memorial Gift/Four Benches by Marian Shrine: Raymond and Catherine Kruer family members would like to donate benches in black and granite- 4 total. Paula made a motion to approve this request pass and Betty seconded. We discussed the names on the benches and decided to move existing benches over by St. John the Baptist statue.

Cemetery issues: At this time height is monitored but not the width of markers The 72”wide Markers cannot be picked up by Debbie Glass, our grave digger, in case she has to dig a grave around it. It is in our policy to allow décor on the marker itself. Also some of the markers are not in the correct location. The Cemetery Committee will review these issues and make suggestions for revision and additions to our policy.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: The DVD player on the TV used by the Faith Formation Classes needs to be replaced. Faith formation requests a new DVD player with an updated TV to use during class time. Sharon was directed to arrange for the purchase of these items and the Ed Kirchgessner Family will purchase them from their Memorial Funds. Due to fall break Sunday CFF classes will resume on Sunday morning, October 20. The volunteers teaching the Sunday CFF classes are meeting to go over the new Safe and Sacred sexual abuse prevention program.

Catholics Youth Ministry: Confirmation 2013-2014 - Our first class focused on the topic, “Guided & Strengthened by the Holy Spirit” will be Wednesday October 9th, 6:30-8:00pm. Catechist Mary Schroeder is facilitating the gathering.

Middle School Movie Matinee Friday October 18th, 1:00PM - This event is set during the fall break and will take place at Corydon Cinemas. Middle school youth as well as families are invited to attend.

Youth Commission - "Starlight A-Team- Our last meeting was Tuesday, September 17th. At this meeting the Youth Chairperson, Brandon Lacy did a good job of facilitating the meeting. We discussed upcoming Fall Break events (the High School Day of Service, Oct. 17th as well as the Middle School Movie Matinee, Oct. 18th). We set up an Instagram account for our youth activities monitored by myself and Mr. Zack Book. Furthermore, we encouraged current members to invite at least one additional potential member to our next meeting set for Tuesday October 15th so that our school youth can experience these fun and meaningful events.

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 completed and processed by the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Office..

Open Youth Room – On Sunday, September 8th this event was held in the Parish Gym & Youth Room. We made a live "Angry Birds" game for the youth group using recycled green bean cans and paint. JoAnn Cundiff served as our chaperone. The game is complete and ready to use at future Open Gym events.

Liturgical and Spiritual: Baby Bottle Boomerang bottles will be collected on October 26-27th. There will be a Book of Remembrance with remembrance candles with names of people who have passed away this past year. There will be All Saints Day Masses be on Friday, November 1st at 8:00AM and 7:00PM. Merle Kruer, Jack Wayne, and Tina Nash are leading the rosary before the Sunday and weekday Masses during October. Three new servers are Lonneman boys.

Maintenance: The tables and chairs in the garage are the only ones that are available for use by parishioners and not the ones in the gym. Father reported the deck on the Residence needs some repairs. Jason Nett had a report from about repair work done in the cemetery. A big Thank You is to Dan Regan and Jim Nett for all the work they have done.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is approximately \$ 110,800 and the balance in the festival account is \$ 29,011.99. At our next Finance Council meeting we will make a decision as to how much we should transfer into our ADLF account since we are only allowed to keep an amount that approximates 3 months of expenses. We have received the materials used in processing the Christ our Hope campaign pledges.

Communication: The Cemetery Committee will meet with Debbie Glass about Cemetery Issues and begin possible Policy revision.

NEXT MEETING: November 12, at 7:00PM>

Jason led us in our closing prayers.