

## SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### Minutes

November 12, 2013

**Welcome:** Keith welcomed all.

**Opening Prayer:** Father Day led us in the prayer “Being Realistic”

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

**Minutes:** Tony made a motion to pass the Minutes as presented and Merle seconded. All agreed.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

**Strawberry Festival Outline and Timeline:** Tony is still working on this schedule and talking with Damon about plans.

**Parish New Year’s Brunch:** Will be held on January 5, 2014 with only one Mass at 9:00aM on this Sunday morning followed by a brunch in the Parish Hall. Betty Vick will prepare sign-up sheets for the back of church. The Rake Ladies will prepare and serve the food again this year.

**Transfer of Property to Parish:** Randy Koetter reported that the family hopes to have it finalized by the end of the year.

**Update of Upgrading of Cemetery Policy and Review:** Dan Regan sent a report to Jason Nett and Father Day shared this information with the members. The Policy Review Committee did have a meeting with Debbie Glass who is the current digger of the graves.

**Connected in the Spirit:** Still no time-line for when this Study of the New Albany Deanery Parishes will begin. Each parish received copies of their Parish Boundaries and other information.

### COMMISSION REPORTS:

**Faith Formation:** There are only two Second Graders who would have been preparing for their First Communion and the parents decided to wait until next year when there would be more children for this celebration. The Television and DVD player that was needed have now been purchased and are in use. The catechists are thankful.

**Catholics Youth Ministry: Confirmation 2013-14-** Our first class, “Guided & Strengthened by the Holy Spirit” will be Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00pm. Mary Schroder facilitated the gathering. Our next class is tomorrow evening, Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>, where we will look at, “Prayer-Communication with God”, it will be facilitated by JoAnn Adams. We have 2 new additions to our class: Noah Andres and Cody Sprigler.

**Youth Commission/ “Starlight A-Team-** Our last meeting was Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting Emily Koetter, Grace Missi and Lauren Titus met to discuss upcoming youth ministry events including our High School Fall Break Day of Service (held on Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>, the November Open Youth Room (held on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>), as well as the Prayer Blanket Day set for Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>. We discussed having a holiday gathering for the A-Team on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> and possibly delivering some of the prayer blankets to recipients at that time. We do not meet during the month of November as it conflicts with NCYC.

**Open Youth Room- Sun November 10<sup>th</sup>-** was held in the Parish Gym & Youth Room. We had previously made a live “Angry Birds” game for the youth group using recycled green bean cans and paint. We played “Angry Birds”, board games, air hockey, etc. We also created cards for residents of Guerin Woods. Tina Lacy served as our chaperone.

**High School Fall Break Day of Service- Thurs October 17<sup>th</sup>-** On this day, five parish youth (as well as my younger sister) travelled together to do a day of deep-cleaning and service work at the Center for Women and Families, New Albany. Jim Nett and I were group leaders. We worked to sanitize the playroom, and deep-clean the kitchen and living room areas. The youth worked incredibly hard but had a good time together. At the end of the day, we got coffee and hot chocolate together before returning to the parish.

**National Catholic Youth Conference- November 20-23 @ Indianapolis, IN-** We leave for the Conference on Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup> after school. Our group includes: Grace Missi, Emily Koetter, Olivia Lucas, and Patrick McPhillips. Adult chaperones are Tim Book and Katie Brewer. Our parish has also contributed to completing the New Albany Deanery’s section of the Thematic Park component of NCYC which is designed as a life-size, “Game of Life”. Zack Book has crafted a 6’ tall question mark to be used in a prayer corner and has also worked on a giant “spinner” as part of our station.

**Liturgical and Spiritual:** This Commission met last Tuesday. Candles will burn in memory of deceased until after Thanksgiving. Fr. Bill Ernst will celebrate the Liturgies in Father Day’s absence at the Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday night. Advent starts soon. The Commission member have recruited the Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Servers and Usher/greeters needed for all the three Christmas Masses. Thanksgiving Day collection money goes to the angel tree. There will be special inserts in the each of our Advent Season bulletins. Gift bearers will light the Advent Wreath at each of the Sunday Masses.

**Maintenance:** Alfred had no report.

**Financial Report:** The balance in the general account is approximately \$ 111,221.84 and the balance in the festival account is \$ 29,011.99. We are moving \$50,000 into our ADLF account. We now have 18 parishioners signed up for e-tithing. The first quarter financial report was in the bulletin this past weekend. The COH campaign is coming along. We should exceed our quota again this year. We will be sending out friendly reminders soon. Archbishop Tobin asked that we have a second collection for the relief efforts in the Philippines.

**Communication:** Encourage all to sign up for the parish brunch.

NEXT MEETING: Dec. 10 at 7:00pm

Father Day led us in our closing prayers.