

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

December 10, 2013

Welcome: Jason welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Father Day led us in the prayer “Elation and Enthusiasm”

Roll Call: Present: Sharon Schmidt, Fr. Day, Paula Andres, Jason Nett, Katherine Brewer, Betty Vick, Marlin Andres and Keith Heck,

Excused: Merle Kruer, Alfred Schmidt, Cathy Graninger, Connie Missi, Tony Balmer and Ryan Kruer

Absent: Stephanie Book

Minutes: Keith made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented and Katie seconded. All approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Strawberry Festival Outline and Timeline: Tony is working with Damon Andres, the Festival Chairperson, to prepare these documents.

Parish New Year’s Brunch: Betty Vick has prepared and put sign-up sheets in the vestibules at church.

Transfer of Property to Parish: Father contacted Brandon Koetter. They are still working on this and, hopefully, it will be done by the end of the year. Marlin will talk to Jerry Koetter.

Update of Upgrading of Cemetery Policy and Review: One concern is about decorations that are required to be only on the gravestone and not placed around it. Dan Regan gave an updated report on progress in improvements to our Cemetery. Larry Buechler and Paula Meunier have resigned from the Cemetery Improvement Committee. Dan Regan and Jim Nett continue doing repairs on the tombstones.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during the last class of this year on December 15th. Our practice for the Christmas Eve Pageant will be on December 18th. All elementary school students are invited to participate.

Catholics Youth Ministry: - Our most recent class for Confirmation 2013-14, “Prayer-Communication with God”, was facilitated by JoAnn Adams. The other catechists and I agree that the group is beginning to share more openly and they seem engaged with the material. Our next class, “Christian Morality” will be Wednesday December 11th and will be facilitated by Jim Nett.

Prayer Blanket Day of Service: Sunday Dec 8th - This year the Confirmation class and others gathered to make fleece tie blankets for individuals who have been on our parish prayer list. They attached a prayer to these. We hope to distribute most of these as part of our Starlight A-Team's Christmas Gathering set for Sunday Dec 15th.

Youth Commission: "Starlight A-Team - The group participated in the Prayer Blanket Day set for Sunday December 8th and have set our holiday gathering for the A-Team on Sunday December 15th We will hopefully deliver some of the prayer blankets to recipients at that time.

National Catholic Youth Conference: November 20-23 @ Indianapolis, IN - We left for the Conference on Wednesday November 20th after school. Our group included: Grace Missi, Emily Koetter, Olivia Lucas, and Patrick McPhillips. Adult chaperones are Tim Book and Katie Brewer. Our group teamed up with the group from Navilleton. Overall, the Conference was an incredible experience for our youth and us chaperones! It is difficult to describe the energy and excitement about the faith that the Conference generates! We were so grateful for all of the parish's support in making our pilgrimage a reality!! Thank you!!

Paoli Peaks Ski Trip: The Ski Trip has been set for Sunday January 2nd. This event is open to families and individual youth. The Project Leader/ Chaperone this year is Tammy Lucas. Registration forms and information have been mailed out to families.

Liturgical and Spiritual: A new schedule for all Liturgical ministers has been prepared. We received over \$1300 for Angel Tree collection at the Thanksgiving Mass. The Advent Communal Penance Service for the parish will be on Sunday, December 22nd, at 4:00pm. Father applauded the generosity of the parishioners for this year's Christ Our Hope Campaign.

Maintenance: Repair and replacement of the deck on the parish residence will begin soon. Steve Smith of Overview Builders has submitted a bid of \$3,240 for this effort.. Marlin made a motion to accept this bid and Betty seconded. All approved!

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is approximately \$ 66,600.00 and the balance in the festival account is \$ 28,104.10. The reduction in the festival account is the result of paying some of our bills out of this account for festival gaming receipts. Pledges to the Christ Our Hope campaign currently total \$16,305 which exceeded our goal by \$5,988. Our goal was \$10,317. The finance council as polled regarding the deck repair. The need for additional bids was raised. It was felt by a majority of the members that the price quoted was very reasonable and did not warrant additional bids.

Communication: Encourage all to sign up for the Parish Brunch on Sunday, January 5, 2014.

NEXT MEETING: Jan. 14 at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.