

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

January 14, 2014

Welcome: Keith welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Father Day led us in the prayer “Joy in Your Presence”

Roll Call: Present: Marlin Andres, Stephanie Book, Fr. Day, Paula Andres, Katherine Brewer, Keith Heck, Merle Kruer, Alfred Schmidt, Cathy Graninger, Connie Missi, Tony Balmer, Ryan Kruer

Excused: Sharon Schmidt, Betty Vick and Jason Nett Absent: none

Minutes: Marlin made a motion to pass and Merle seconded. All approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Strawberry Festival Outline and Timeline: We are looking for new Chairpersons for the dance, the advertising, and finance. We need a parking chairperson- possibly an organization to run the parking. We need more people to help with the Berry Run- assistance with distributing forms. We need a raffle chairperson. Terri Sprigler and Ginny Balmer have taken over the ordering of food and paper products. Patrick Oster will chair booth rental.

Parish New Year’s Brunch: A success as we fed over 200 people. Left-over food was sent to the soup kitchen.

Transfer of Property to Parish: Brandon Koetter is still working to complete this transfer as agreed upon.

Update of Upgrading of Cemetery Policy and Review: The height and width of markers is becoming more of an issue when it comes to digging graves in the cemetery.

Request for Fund-Raising Breakfast in Parish Hall: The Koerber Girls would like to hold a fundraiser for Hospice Breakfast on 2/16. Marlin made a motion to pass and Stephanie seconded. All agreed.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: Sharon was not present.

Catholics Youth Ministry: Confirmation 2013-14- Our next class, “Baptism” will be Wednesday January 15th, and will be facilitated by Mary Schroeder. Candidates are in the process of selecting their retreat experience from a variety of options. Several have signed up for

the upcoming deanery retreat entitled “Catholic 101” to be held on February 1-2nd at Mount St Francis. **Prayer Blanket Day of Service- Sunday Dec 15th** - 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. Blankets were distributed on Thursday December 19th to parishioners. Extra blankets were given to Guerin Woods Senior Center to residents who did not have close family. Staff and residents expressed their gratitude to our youth with a lovely “thank-you” card. **Youth Commission/ “Starlight A-Team-** The group participated in the Prayer Blanket Day set for Sunday December 15th. Our January meeting had been set for Tuesday January 7th but we decided to reschedule for Tuesday January 28th due to frigid weather! At our next meeting we will discuss and plan spring and summer youth ministry opportunities. **Paoli Peaks Ski Trip-** the Ski Trip had been set for Sunday January 2nd. Unfortunately the event had to be cancelled because so few people signed up and Paoli’s tiered pricing made for a considerably high price hike. **Pro-Life Movie- Saturday January 18th** - The movie “Sarah’s Choice” will be shown free of charge this Saturday at Corydon Cinemas to celebrate the Catholic commitment to the consistent ethic of life. Sarah Koetter and I (Katie Brewer) hope to take a group of high school-aged youth to the event. The movie is open to individual families as well. **Middle Ice-Skating Event- Saturday January 25th** – This event will be held at the Outdoor Ice Rink in Jeffersonville. Tracy Martin will serve as a chaperone and we hope to be able to take a group of middle school youth from the parish.

Liturgical and Spiritual: This Ministry Commission did not meet last month. Next meeting is Feb. 4 to start preparation for Lenten Season.

Maintenance: The deck was replaced except for the pad out to the driveway. Larry Martin will be planting and replacing the landscaping. Emergency and Safety lights in Gym and Rectory Basement have been repaired by Alfred and they are now working properly. He will be installing better lights and an exhaust fan for the Men’s restroom in the parish hall. He also installed new towel holders.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is approximately \$ 79,800.00 and the balance in the festival account is \$ 24,340.91. As stated at the last meeting, the reduction in the festival account is the result of paying some of our bills out of this account to use up the festival gaming receipts. Pledges to the Christ Our Hope Campaign as reported by the Archdiocese are at \$16,680.00 at this time and exceeds our goal by \$ 6,363.00. Our goal was \$10,317. For your information, we have on hand \$6,235.20 in memorial donations. This is the balance after we pay for the benches donated by the Raymond and Catherine Kruer Family. The Finance Council did not meet in December, but will schedule a meeting for January 28th at which time we will review the second quarter financial report for the parish.

NEXT MEETING: Feb. 11 at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.