

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

February 11, 2014

**Welcome:** Jason welcomed all.

**Opening Prayer:** Father Day led us in the prayer “**Serving Well**”

**Roll Call:** Present: Jason Nett, Stephanie Book, Fr. Day, Paula Andres, Keith Heck, Betty Vick, Merle Kruer, Alfred Schmidt, Cathy Graninger, Connie Missi, Tony Balmer, Ryan Kruer

Excused: Marlin Andres, Katherine Brewer,

Absent: Sharon Schmidt,

Guests present: John Rowan, Terri Sprigler, Hilda Schmidt, and Ginny Balmer

**Minutes:** Merle made a motion to accept the Minutes of the prior meeting as presented and Stephanie seconded. Motion passed!

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

**Strawberry Festival Outline and Timeline:** Damon completed the application forms for the entire gaming license and they have been submitted. We are still in need of someone to chair the Strawberry Festival Dance to be held on May 16.

**Transfer of Property to Parish:** Brandon Koetter is trying to get everything lined out. It is still in process. No new information at this time!

**Relay for Life Breakfast Hosted by Ginny Balmer:** Paula made a motion to give permission for a *Relay for Life* fundraising breakfast on Sunday, March 16. Betty seconded. Motion passed!

**Proposal for Cover on Parish Hall Kitchen Door:** John Rowan presented a proposal for a cover to protect the Parish Hall kitchen door. John reported \$5000 will be donated toward the project. Terri reported that the overhang would alleviate dangerous ice. We would have to pour a concrete pad the size of the roof and add a light fixture. The bid presented was for this improvement is \$7,920. The Parish Council suggested that John requests that Koetter Construction submit an update bid with the light and concrete installation included. The consensus of the Parish Council member was in favor of the project. It was also noted that Mary Graf has donated a freezer to the parish.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**Faith Formation:** Sunday Morning Classes will begin on the first Sunday in March.

**Catholics Youth Ministry:** The next class for Confirmation 2013-14 is entitled "Christian Service" and will be held on Wednesday February 12th and will be facilitated by John Rowan. Candidates are in the process of completing community service as well as selecting their sponsors.

Catholic 101 Retreat- Feb 1-2 This deanery retreat was held at the Mount St Francis Youth Center and was directed by Katie Brewer. Gabe Schmidt, Lauren Titus, and Chas Adams attended to complete their Confirmation retreat experience. Feedback from the retreat was positive and those who attended from our parish fully participated and seemed to truly enjoy the experience. Other Confirmation candidates have selected other retreats to participate in.

Youth Commission/ "Starlight A-Team- We met on Tuesday January 28th. Group members shared ideas about spring youth ministry opportunities including the, "Water Project" - a voluntary awareness project promoting clean water systems to impoverished areas. We made plans to flesh out plans for this project at our next meeting scheduled for Tuesday February 18th.

Pro-Life Movie- Saturday January 18th- The movie "Sarah's Choice" was shown free of charge at Corydon Cinemas to celebrate the Catholic commitment to the consistent ethic of life. Sarah Koetter and I (Katie Brewer) took a small group of high school-aged youth to the event (Emily Koetter and Olivia Lucas). The feedback from the event was very positive.

Middle Ice-Skating Event- Saturday January 25th – This event was to be held at the Outdoor Ice Rink in Jeffersonville. Unfortunately, winter weather caused unsafe and unpleasant conditions and we had to cancel this outing. We are very much looking forward to spring!

**Liturgical and Spiritual:** This Commission did not meet in February due to icy weather. Next meeting is March 4<sup>th</sup> and will concentrate on needed preparations for Lent. March 5<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wed. Stations of the Cross will be prayed on the Fridays of Lent beginning at 4:30 and followed by our parish fish fries.

**Maintenance:** Alfred had no report. No ice melting salt available for purchase at this time.

**Financial Report:** The balance in the general account is approximately \$ 82,449.00 and the balance in the festival account is \$ 21,343. To date, we have 18 parishioners signed up for e-tithing. The finance council met on Jan. 28 and finalized the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial report which was included with last week's bulletin. We also discussed the need for additional heat in the priest's sacristy and approved the insulation of baseboard heat by Star Electric at a cost of \$350. The 1099 misc. forms are due out by Jan. 31 have been issued. This process was delayed because we had to order forms. At the meeting, we reviewed the Jan. 3 mass stipend reconciliation. It reflected a bank balance of \$5,040. Mass stipends of \$5,040 are on hand for Mass Intentions still to be honored. Dottie Thomas, Parish Secretary, saved the parish \$500 a year on software billing. She found that we were paying for software that we were not using. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb 25.

**Communication:** A thank-you to Mary Graf; a list of areas needing chairpersons for the festival: a bulletin notice seeking someone to manage our Parish webpage...

NEXT MEETING: March 11 at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.