

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

March 11, 2014

**Welcome:** Jason welcomed all.

**Opening Prayer:** Father Day led us in the prayer “**Council Success**”

**Roll Call:** Present: Jason Nett, Fr. Day, Paula Andres, Betty Vick, Merle Kruer, Alfred Schmidt, Connie Missi, Tony Balmer, Ryan Kruer, Marlin Andres, Katherine Brewer, Sharon Schmidt,

Excused: Cathy Graninger, Stephanie Book, Keith Heck,

Absent: No One

Visitor:: Mark Koetter

**Minutes:** Merle made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented; Ryan seconded; approved.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

**Strawberry Festival Outline and Timeline:** Advertising cards will be made by L&D Mail Masters. We need a chairperson for the dance, advertising (Dana and Lisa) and Betty Buechler will take over the flower booth. We are still unsure of parking. Tony will call to get prizes for the raffle booth to meet the deadline of April 1.

**Transfer of Property to Parish:** Father has been in touch with Brandon & Rick Koetter. Rick bought the house and barn but is still trying to figure out what they are going to do with it.

**Proposal for Cover on Parish Hall Kitchen Door:** We do not need the concrete pad so the bid will remain at \$7,920. This will include installation of a light in the ceiling of the structure. Paula made a motion to accept; Betty seconded; and the council unanimously approved the bid.

## COMMISSION REPORTS:

**Faith Formation:** Faith Formation Classes and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.. May Crowning is scheduled for May 11, on Mother’s Day.

**Catholics Youth Ministry:** Youth Commission “Starlight A-Team- We met on Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>. Group members divided up prep work for the “Water Project”- a voluntary awareness project promoting clean water systems to impoverished areas. A-Team members have created flyers, bulletin announcements and will share a brief presentation at the March 14<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry.

The Water Project will be held from March 21<sup>st</sup> thru April 4<sup>th</sup>. Our youth representatives on the parish Youth Commission have chosen and will help to implement this project. The basic idea is to voluntarily give up all beverages except tap water during a two week period (as indicated above).

Using the “pledge cards” provided at Fish Fries/ rear exits of Church, participants keep track of their savings and donate the money they would have spent on other drinks to the Water Project, Inc. Our youth group set up a secure online fundraising page, “St. John Starlight Youth Group Water Project”. Donations will be remitted to the Water Project by April 11th.

Open Gym/Youth Room: Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> This event was yet another casualty of the winter weather! We had originally planned on doing a scavenger hunt activity using Instagram. We were also going to discuss almsgiving as part of Lent and create duct-tape wallets. We plan to use these activities for our April Open Gym however.

Catholic 101 Retreat: March 8-9<sup>th</sup>. This deanery retreat was held at the Mount St Francis Youth Center and was directed by Katie Brewer. Olivia Nash attended to complete her Confirmation retreat experience. Other Confirmation candidates had selected other retreats to participate in. Brandon Lacy, a sophomore who was Confirmed last year served as a small-group leader and facilitated the, “Liturgy of the Hours” presentation.

SkyZone Outing, March 14<sup>th</sup>: This event will be held at the SkyZone Sports Complex in Louisville. Zack Book, Katie Brewer and Scott Brewer will serve as adult chaperones. We plan to depart Church after attending the Fish Fry go to SkyZone and return shortly before 10pm. We have 8 registered participants and are looking forward to a fun evening ☺!

Confirmation 2013-14: Our next class, “Eucharist” will be Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup>, and will be facilitated by John Rowan. Candidates are in the process of completing community service as well as selecting their sponsors.

**Liturgical and Spiritual:** The Commission members met and discussed Lent and Holy Week. Darlene will find Lectors and Terri will find Eucharistic Ministers for the Holy Week and Easter Sunday Liturgies. Father will enlist servers and 12 people for the washing of feet. Our Palms are on order. The Easter Vigil Services and Easter Vigil Mass has been moved back to 8:30PM.

**Maintenance:** Alfred is working on the bathrooms in the Hall and is getting ready for the festival. He put new towel holders up. Dan Regan sent a report that mapped out the old cemetery. Bert Craig is working on the new layout of the cemetery plots.

**Financial Report:** The balance in the general account is approximately \$75,836.98 and the balance in the festival account is \$ 19,047.46.

As indicated on the Agenda, the next Stewardship Commission Formation meeting is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Joseph, Corydon. Anyone interested in joining this commission is welcome to attend as we still do not have anyone to chair it.

The baseboard heat has been installed in the priest’s sacristy and the bill for \$350 has been paid.

We have received a bill totaling \$1,005.00 from McKinley Heating for work done on the church furnaces, new thermostats in church, and moving the electrical wiring off the old deck posts at the parish residence. The new thermostats are much easier to program.

We were having some problems with our office copier which is 8 years old. We looked into the costs associated with obtaining a new copier, either leasing or purchasing. We have decided that the best option is to purchase and it will cost us \$1,795 for the copier itself and \$975 per year for the annual maintenance which includes travel, all labor, all parts and all supplies except paper and staples. We had already paid this year's maintenance fee of \$975 on our old copier which will carry forward onto the new one. Therefore our initial outlay for this year is the \$1,795 for the copier.

The 2014-2015 budget guidelines have been received from the Archdiocese. We are currently reviewing them in anticipation of starting the budget process after the third quarter numbers are in. The budget is due by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Finance Council did not meet in February due to a lack of discussion issues.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and all are invited to attend.

**Communication:** We need people to chair the dance and parking for the festival.

NEXT MEETING: April 8 at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.