

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

April 8, 2014

Welcome: Jason welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Father Day led “Evening Prayer”

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

Excused: Cathy Graninger, Keith Heck

Absent: Alfred Schmidt

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Strawberry Festival Outline and Timeline: We need to contact Felicia and Mike Koerber to see if they are going to donate a bracelet for our raffle again this year. Tony Balmer reported that the raffle tickets are being printed and that 7,500 Rack Card have been printed and re ready for distribution. Father announced in church that we are still in need of chairmen for parking. Michael Book is setting up a webpage and Facebook domain.

Transfer of Property to Parish: Father reported that he has been assured that this is still in process.

Request for Use of Parish Hall for Alzheimer’s Fundraiser: August 16, 2014, at 5:00pm. Marlin made a motion to pass and Betty seconded. All approved.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation was offered on Sunday for the children.

Catholics Youth Ministry: The Water Project- March 21st- April 4th- 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.

Youth Commission/ “Starlight A-Team- At our March meeting (Tues March 18th), we discussed transition in youth ministry as well as the Water Project and we planned the youth-led Stations of the Cross held Friday March 21st. Several members expressed interest in joining the Deanery Youth Ministry Activities Team (YMAT). At the meeting those youth completed their applications. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 22nd. We will discuss transition and summer ministry planning.

Youth-Led Stations of the Cross- Friday March 21st- Three parish high school youth led the Parish Stations of the Cross on Friday March 21st , Brandon Lacy, Grace Missi and Emily Koetter. They took it very seriously and were sincere and prayerful in their parts. I am very proud of them!

Open Gym/ Youth Room- Tuesday April 29th – we will gather from 7:00-9:00pm in the Gym and Youth Room for a scavenger hunt activity using Instagram. We were also going to discuss stewardship and Christian giving and create duct-tape wallets and hopefully some outdoor games in addition.

Confirmation 2013-14- Our next class, “Confirmation” will be Wednesday April 9th, and will be facilitated by Katie Brewer. Candidates are in the process of completing community service activities and ensuring we have copies of sacramental records. Final preparations for the Sacrament will occur in the beginning of May. Our parish will celebrate Confirmation on Saturday May 17th at 2pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Please keep candidates and sponsors in prayer!

Parish Fish Fries- Middle and high school youth from our parish have consistently worked at parish fish fries this Lenten season assisting with clean up, set up, serving, etc. We are very proud of their hard work!

Summer Ministry- Several mission experiences, Faith in Action & Wolfe Pack Appalachian Mission will be offered by the Catholic Youth Ministries office this June and July respectively. These events will be promoted to high school aged youth in our parish. We hope that several of them will take advantage of these incredible opportunities!!

Liturgical and Spiritual: Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for the special Holy Week Services have been contacted. Collette Zumstein, Blanch Finn, and other older ladies of the parish will do May Crowning this year.

Maintenance: The Cemetery Committee, led by Dan Regan, will have a Cemetery Clean-up day to remove all items around the stones and foundations.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is \$79,070.50 and the balance in the festival account is \$13,688.19.

The Finance Council Meeting for March was cancelled due to a lack of discussion issues.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at which time we will be reviewing the third quarter financial report for issuance to the parish. After these numbers are finalized we can proceed with the preparation of the budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. All are invited to attend this meeting.

The next Stewardship Commission Formation meeting is scheduled for June 3rd at St. Joe Corydon.

Communication: Cemetery Cleanup Day will be published in upcoming bulletins and Strawberry Festival Rack Cards will be available in the back of church.

NEXT MEETING: May 13 at 7:00pm

Father led us in our Closing Prayers.