

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

May 13, 2014

Welcome: Keith, the Vice-Chair welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Father Day led us in “**Evening Prayer**”.

Roll Call: Present: Fr. Day, Paula Andres, Merle Kruer, Tony Balmer, Alfred Schmidt, Marlin Andres, Keith Heck, Katherine Brewer, Sharon Schmidt, Damon Andres also attended to report on the dance and festival.

Excused: Cathy Grannger, Jason Nett, Betty Vick, Connie Missi, Stephanie Book and Ryan Kruer,
Absent: None

Minutes: Merle made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Marlin seconded. All approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Strawberry Festival Outline: Damon attended to report on the festival and will speak in church at all masses this weekend. Tony reported on the TV slots. Travis Stumler is in charge of parking. If needed, we will call a Security Company to take over parking duties.

Update on Cemetery Clean up: It was a rainy day yet many markers were cleaned. Many items not on the markers as stated in our policy were removed and put behind Father’s garage.

Planning for Tom McCartin Memorial Parade Cookout: The team for the memorial will consist of Rosie, Melvin, John Rowan, Gene Sprigler, & Hilda Schmidt. Father said John will hold a meeting to decide when to have it. More to come with a possible date of June 29.

Nomination Committee: Jason Nett, Paula Andres, Betty Vick are to recruit at least 5 people as nominees to fill the 3 vacancies. We need to get bios on the Nominees and to prepare ballots for voting at the Masses on June 28/29.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation: Sunday Faith formation classes have ended for the 2013-2014 school year. We are discussing starting the fall classes in August. We are also looking for someone to help with the K/1st grade class. If anyone would like to volunteer or know of someone that would be interested, please let Sharon or Father Day know. Reverend Richard Smith Scholarship applications are now available and located at both doors in church. It is a \$500 scholarship that St. Johns awards a 7th and 9th grade student in the New Albany Deanery. Students must be a member of St. Johns Church. Registration deadline is June 23, 2014.

Catholics Youth Ministry: Youth Ministry Awards Celebration- May 8th- Patrick Lonneman, Chase Koetter and Cody Swearingen received Certificate for Continued Involvement in Youth Ministry at the Deanery Awards Celebration held on Thursday May 8th at the Mount St Francis Chapel.

Youth Commission/ “Starlight A-Team- Our last meeting was scheduled for Tuesday April 22nd but we rescheduled for Tuesday May 6th. We will discuss transition and summer ministry planning as well as follow-up for the Water Project program. Our final gathering before summer is planned for Tuesday May 20th.

Open Gym/ Youth Room- Tuesday April 29th – we gathered from 7:00-9:00pm in the Gym and Youth Room for a scavenger hunt activity using Instagram. We were also discussed stewardship and Christian giving and created duct-tape wallets and hopefully as well as playing some air hockey, etc.

Confirmation 2013-14- Emily Koetter, Noah Andres, Lauren Titus, Olivia Nash, Cody Sprigler, Gabe Schmidt, Chas Adams, Ryan Huber, & Skyler Koetter will receive the sacrament of Confirmation along with youth from other deanery parishes on Saturday May 17th at 11:00AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Please keep candidates and sponsors in prayer!

Confirmation Follow-Up/ Ministry Fair- is set for Wednesday May 28th in Smith Hall. As we did last year, the Confirmandi will be invited to come to learn from ministry coordinators about parish ministries that they can become involved in as leaders including: Eucharistic Ministry, Lector Ministry, Choir, Greeting, etc. Last year, all Confirmandi became active in at least one ministry, and we hope the same for this group.

Summer Mission Experiences- Several mission experiences, Faith in Action & Wolfe Pack Appalachian Mission will be offered by the Catholic Youth Ministries office this June and July respectively. We have a few parish youth signed up to participate in these missions!

One Bread, One Cup Liturgical Leadership Conference- This year Grace Missi and Brandon Lacy will be participating in this conference held in early July at St Meinrad Archabbey. They will be joining with a group from St Michael Bradford Parish and will continue their liturgical leadership training.

Liturgical and Spiritual: The New 2015 Workbooks for Lectors have been ordered.

Maintenance: Alfred is ready to step down after 10 years. Father will ask Loren Bower if he would accept the job.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is \$87335.03 and the balance in the festival account is \$13,566.25.

The Finance Council met on April 22nd and took the following actions:

- Finalizing the third quarter financial report which was issued to the parishioners via the bulletin the weekend of April 26-27.
- Approving an allocation of \$900 for two people from the parish to attend One Bread One Cup to be held at St. Meinrad this summer.
- Reviewing and approving the latest Mass Stipend Reconciliation which reflected a balance of 560 unsaid masses at \$10 each. This agreed with the bank balance of \$5,600.
- Authorizing Fr. Day to pursue a replacement for Katie Brewer.
- Approving a \$500 donation to Billboards for Life Campaign.
- Approving an allocation of \$500 to cover part of the cost of Kay Holsclaw's attendance at the National Pastoral Musicians Conference to be held in St. Louis in July.

The Finance Council will be meeting tomorrow evening to discuss and hopefully finalize the budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Part of this process is to complete the Projected Three-Year Capital Expenditure Budget which is typically done by the Parish Council. Since all projects are on hold indefinitely we have been carrying the same projects for the past few years. The Finance Council will need your approval to continue the completion of this form as in the past, unless there are changes to be made. A copy of the prior year form was presented to the Parish Council president for review and updates.

Again this year Wayne Lenell CPA filed form 990-T on our behalf and we should be receiving a refund of \$1,221. This refund is a result of our average health insurance premiums exceeding the average premium for the small group market which we are a part of.

The next regularly scheduled Finance Council meeting is Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m. However there may not be a need for a meeting since we are meeting tomorrow to go over the budget.

I would remind everyone that the next Stewardship Commission Formation meeting is scheduled for June 3rd at St. Joe Corydon. Lisa Heck has agreed to attend.

Communication: Damon has submitted his resignation as the Festival Chairperson.

NEXT MEETING: June 10 at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.