

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

September 9, 2014

Welcome: Tony welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Father led us in the Opening Prayer --- “**Native American Prayer**”

Roll Call: Present: Fr. Day, Stephanie Book, Tony Balmer, Cathy Graninger, Ryan Kruer, Sharon Schmidt, Marlin Andres, Bette Buechler, Betty Roll, Mike Cundiff, Lisa Heck

Excused: Keith Heck, Merle Kruer, Cathy Graninger, Connie Missi, Betty Roll, Vicki Waterbury

Absent: None

Minutes: Lisa made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ryan seconded. All approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Thank You for Alzheimer’s Evening: Estimated dollars raised: \$60,000. They thanked the council and the parish for allowing them to have the event in our Parish Hall. It was a great and fun evening.

Memo on ALS from Office of Catholic Education: Details given as to why Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will not be participating in the ALS Challenge – unless they designate an acceptable charity.

Connected in the Spirit --- Fall of 2015: Our parish will not be evaluated until Fall of 2015.

Second Collection at Sat/Sun Masses for September 13 & 14: Second collection to support the catholic churches and people being persecuted and exiled in the Middle East.

Reviewing of Cemetery Policy for publication --- Father is requesting that we leave out the sentence that we approved at our previous meeting --- “Any expense incurred by the Cemetery to move monuments in order to open adjacent graves will be borne solely by the family the monument being moved.” The only major change/addition to the Cemetery Policy is item number 9. This reviewed and approved Policy will be put in the church bulletin and posted on our web page in October. Bette made a motion to accept, Marlin seconded. All approved.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Catholic Faith Formation: We have 23 students registered; 5 will be making Reconciliation and First Communion. This past Sunday they had a terrific turnout for Grandparents Day - the kids really enjoyed it as well. The textbooks are coming in now; until they do come classes are

centered on the Sunday Gospel. A note went home requesting the children to bring a \$1 for the breakfast for this Sunday.

Catholic Youth Ministry:

Middle School Youth: Ethan Schmidt & I have planned a camping trip with youth from St. Mary of the Knobs, St. Mary's Navilleton and also St. John's Starlight on September 12-14. We are going to Starve Hollow camp in Salem, Indiana. I REALLY wish I could get a few kids from Starlight to attend, however, I have not heard back from any. Forms are in church, have been mailed, and were present at the Open Gym last week. Between Navilleton and Knobs there are 21 middle school youth attending. We will close with Mass at St. John's Starlight at 10 am, and then eat pancakes for the C.J. Smith breakfast.

High School Youth:

There is a youth rally called Hope at the Dome, at the Monastery in Ferdinand, Indiana, for High School Youth October 10-12. The rally is on Saturday; however, I am planning on taking them to camp on their grounds Friday night through Sunday morning. The deadline is Sept. 12, though I will take names up until Sept. 15, since I have given word to the Monastery about our group. Again, this is a joint group of youth from Navilleton and the Knobs, and hoping to get a few kids from Starlight to attend as well.

This week I will mail out letters to high school youth that are interested in becoming Confirmed next year. They will need to attend Faith Formation this year. Once I get word on who will be attending and their availability, I will schedule the Faith Formation for High School youth.

The Deanery Youth Mass schedule has been made for this year. There will be 6 this year: Sept., Oct., Nov., Feb., March, and April. Starting this year they are forming a Deanery Liturgical Team made of youth that have attended One Bread One Cup or are ministers at the parish. This Liturgical Team will plan the mass at each location. There is also Deanery Choir/Band that is being formed. Any youth interested may join. They will sing/play at all Youth masses and the Jubilee.

I have been in contact with a few members of a Youth Ministry Planning Team here. We will meet to inquire what events draw more youth, best ways to communicate, and schedules. I feel this will be crucial in order to get any participation.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry: We purchased 3 new chasubles & stoles. We now have a set – white, Purple, and red. Baby Bottle Boomerang - first Sunday in October; asking for volunteers to lead the rosary 15 minutes before each liturgy. The Book of Remembrance - anyone who has had a family member pass in the last year, we invite them to light a candle in remembrance of their family member.

Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds: Still looking for someone for the position.

Financial Report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$67,443.63 and the balance in the festival account is \$35,758.80.

The Finance Council did not meet in August as a number of members were unavailable and we had no pressing issues for discussion.

The Parish Annual Report has been completed and approved by the Finance Council members. It required the signatures of the Parish Council President, the Pastor, and the Chairperson of the Finance Council. The annual report will be sent to the Archdiocese this week thereby beating the deadline which is September 15th.

The Finance Council via e-mail approved a request by the Strawberry Festival Committee to purchase a walk-in freezer to eliminate the need to rent a refrigerated unit for the festival. The cost is \$2,500 plus any associated installation costs. This was brought before the Parish Pastoral Council at this meeting and the expenditure was ratified.

Marlin made a motion to approve the cost for the purchase and installation of the walk-in freezer, Lisa seconded. All approved

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2014 and all are invited to attend.

Stewardship Commission Formation: Announcement to be put in a bulletin for the next three weekends, starting this weekend. "The newly formed Stewardship Commission here at St. John's needs you! If you believe that every Catholic can give their time, talent, and treasure and can help create a connection with our parishioners then you should join us. Please contact Lisa Heck at 502-693-0382 if you are interested or have any questions and be a part of our team."

What needs to be communicated: Put a note in the bulletin that we are looking for a Maintenance and Grounds keeper.

Communication:

NEXT MEETING: October 14th at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.