

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

October 14, 2014

Welcome: Keith welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Father led us in the Opening Prayer --- “**Respect for Life**”

Roll Call: Present: Fr. Day, Stephanie Book, Tony Balmer, Cathy Graninger, Ryan Kruer, Bette Buechler, Betty Roll, Mike Cundiff, Lisa Heck Keith Heck, Merle Kruer, Connie Missi, Betty Roll, Vicki Waterbury, Sharon Schmidt.

Excused: Marlin Andres

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Revised Cemetery Policy on Web Page: The revised Cemetery Policy has been updated on the churches webpage under Parish Council>Minutes > Policies.

Christ Our Hope Update [Goal is \$10,317]: Next week, we start discussing about being good stewards.

Information on Bishop Coyne & Plans: Bishop Coyne will be our Regional Bishop and will be in Residence at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Albany with an Office at St Mary of the Knobs, Floyds Knobs. He will be the Administrator of Sacred Heart and St Augustine Parishes in Jeffersonville, with a Parochial Vicar’s assistance who is Father Doug Marcotte.

St. Meinrad Sunday, January 24/25, 2015: On this weekend Father Vincent Tobin, OSB, a priest from St Meinrad Archabbey and Seminary will be our homilist and will invite us to support the ministries of St Meinrad.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Catholic Faith Formation: No classes held on the two Sundays of the School Fall Break.

Catholic Youth Ministry: Vicki met with four outstanding youth here at Starlight as a planning team on Sept. 21. They were great with sharing ideas and what they desired to see as youth ministry events. She is working on making some of these ideas come to life, and will plan to put some of the planning in their hands, to see it come to life.

Vicki mailed new fall schedules to all youth in middle and high school, along with flyers and retreat brochures of certain events that were on the schedule. She would love to gather email addresses for families as they sign up for certain events, to be able to send reminders and encourage participation as event dates get closer.

Last Friday, Oct. 10, they had 10 youth to gather and pick pumpkins at Book Farms. They had a great time! After picking a few wagon loads for them, they gave them a few pumpkins each to take back to the gym's kitchen where Vicki set up decorating stations. They had lunch, carved and painted pumpkins, and did other crafts with their pumpkins. It was a great way to get to know some of the kids that she hadn't met before, and them to be comfortable to return to other events.

Last month she mailed letters to all high school youth that are interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Those wanting to be confirmed next year will need to attend Faith Formation this year. At this point Vicki hasn't had any response to the letter. Vicki and Fr. Day have been discussing this subject and will keep advertising for parishioners to see a while longer.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry: Baby Bottles for the Baby Bottle Boomerang Programs were given out on the first Sunday in October and are to be returned on the weekend of the October 25/26.

We are seeking volunteers to lead the rosary 15 minutes before all the Month of October Liturgies.

The November Book of Remembrance - anyone who has had a family member pass in the last year will be invited to light a candle in remembrance of their family member. All families have been contacted. We have six families at this time and the candles will be lit and we will keep them going for the entire month of November.

We are beginning to prepare for our Thanksgiving Liturgy.

Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds: Bob Boone, Keith Heck, and Tony Balmer have volunteered to help out as need but we still need a chairperson. Consider asking Steve Smith.

The new walk-in freezer has arrived. Josh Burton is scheduled to install it in the coming weeks.

Shade Tree Request: Mark Koetter wanted to know if it would be ok to put a maple tree on the ground Tom Koetter is donating to the church. He said that if approved by the PPC, the PPC could decide where to place it and he would donate it. This is under advisement at this time as the ground has not been transferred yet.

Railing Behind Church: The Book Family would like to donate the money for railing and installation of the railing to be put in behind the church along the ramp path. This would make it nice for parishioners who need assistance or who cannot take the stairs. The Book family has requested that the railing be put in the ground on the outside of the ramp so that it wouldn't hinder the walk way in anyway. The railing would be made out of the same pipe material to match the other railing.

We will further discuss at the next PPC meeting. Keith is to provide sketches and cost.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is approximately \$ 79,321.03 and the balance in the festival account is \$ 32,236.20.

The Finance Council did not meet in September as we had no pressing issues for discussion.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2014 and all are invited to attend.

Stewardship Commission Formation: .Still looking for people to join the team.

What needs to be communicated: Put a note in the bulletin that we are currently looking for a chairperson and/or co-chairperson for the Strawberry Festival. Also include information about Christ Our Hope.

Communication:

NEXT MEETING: November 11th at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.