

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

December 9, 2014

Welcome: Keith welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Opening Prayer – “The Angelus”

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

Excused: Merle Kruer, Ryan Kruer, and Vicki Waterbury

Absent: Marlin Andres

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Update on Transfer of Property to parish

The Starlight Foundation is preparing to give to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and our parish 3.45 acres of property which encompasses our current sewer lateral lines and our Strawberry Festival parking lot. There will be a 20 foot easement on the back side in case some of the lateral lines extend into this area. They are requesting an easement for the driveway to get to their house. Father has a meeting with the Archdiocese next Tuesday to discuss and, hopefully, finalize these efforts.

Parish New Year Brunch/Party [1/4/2015] Sign-up sheets

The sheets are now in church to sign up for the brunch. The Rake girls are going to prepare the brunch and the youth group is going to help with clean up.

Parish New Year Brunch Set Up [1/3/2015, 9:00AM]

The Parish Council helps with the set up and the time to set up has been changed to 10:00AM.

Co-chairpersons for Strawberry Festival, Strawberry Festival Outline & Timeline

No one has come forward to take on this position. There is already a timeline that Damon Andres can provide. Bette Buechler has volunteered to be co-chair (assistant to the chairperson).

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Catholic Faith Formation:

We have six students to make their First Reconciliation this coming Sunday. After their First Sacrament of Reconciliation, the other 4th-8th grade will be celebrating Reconciliation. Tomorrow evening the teachers will gather to prepare for the extended January 4th class. Practice for the Nativity program will be Monday, December 22nd. All grade school students are welcome to participate and to come to the practice. The High School/Youth Ministry students made cookies this past Sunday and they took them to several parishioners. Mr. Edwin Schmidt was a recipient and he was pleased.

Catholic Youth Ministry:

We had six youth from Starlight to help deliver burritos to the homeless in Louisville, on Nov. 22. They really enjoyed the morning of service and wish to do it again. I explained to them that it costs roughly \$80 in groceries to prepare the burritos, so we might need to do something to raise money for this service and also look for other great service projects on our side of the river. A few of the high school students wanted to host a “needy” family for Christmas. I had been approached by a young person who was helping out mothers and children at St. Elizabeth Home in New Albany, and that they could help with that.

St. Mary’s Navilleton Youth Ministry had already started supplying gifts, but could use the help. Without impeding on the already established Angel Trees from both parishes, the youth have gathered diapers, crib and twin size sheets for children and mothers, baby blankets, toys, one crib and Target gift cards for 20 mothers. Mount St. Francis had the other half of the list which include mother’s comforters, towels and wash cloths, etc. We will help deliver these items to St. Elizabeth on Friday, Dec. 12 after school.

The March for Life Pilgrimage is set for January 21-24. We have two youth attending: Emily Koetter and Olivia Lucas, along with me.

St. John’s Starlight has a basketball team of 12 boys playing in the deanery league. The team consists of 8 parishioners, a few transfers and non-parishioners. We are hosting Deanery games here at St. John’s on Saturday, Jan. 10 from 9 am – 3 pm. I hope to have plenty of youth (middle or high school) working this event! This will pay for the team’s jerseys and maybe a fun activity to plan for the youth in the Spring!

I would like the youth, especially basketball team to help with the Parish Brunch. Please notify me of who is planning this event so I can get youth involved in the set-up and serve.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry:

Sunday, December 21st is the Advent Communal Penance service. We will be decorating the church afterwards and that will begin at 11:00am. All the committees for the Liturgy and Spiritual life are ready for Christmas Eve Mass. All the gift bearers for Christmas Eve service are ready. No lectors as of yet. We will be putting this information in the bulletin. We need people to help sew bibs for new babies. We currently have seven bibs completed and now have three people to volunteer. Father will start training for new servers after the next First Communion class.

Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds:

Downspout by Kitchen/ roof/replace rope - hopefully we will fix this during better weather. The ice machine is not leaking as we thought. However, we had to repair the residence septic tank lid, and Bob Boone helped. Our propane tank at church was out of gas and Suburban Gas will now continue to do full-service, but Larry will be checking it regularly. The gutters have been cleaned at school.

We should consider putting a thank you in the bulletin for Alfred Schmidt's service and then Larry's name and phone number in the bulletin so the parish knows who to contact.

A new issue now is the laminator at the school is not working due to a poster being stuck so we may need to have someone take a look at it.

Financial Report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$ 80,452.85 and the balance in the festival account is \$ 31,135/18. The Finance Council did not meet during November due to the limited discussion material. However we did make some decisions via email. As reported at the last Parish Council meeting, we had received a little over \$15,500 from COH rebates which we need to use for outreach ministries. Currently we have used \$12,000 of this amount. After polling the Finance Committee members, it was decided that we should send another \$3,500 to The St. Vincent DePaul Society. We should be getting more of these COH rebates since we have exceeded our goal again this year by \$15,523 to date. The Finance Council, also via email, agreed to deposit into our ADLF account \$25,000 since we have excess monies currently on hand. We get a better rate of interest on the ADLF account. The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for December 23, 2014. We may not need to have a meeting but if we do, all are invited to attend.

Stewardship Commission Formation: We are still looking for people to join the team. We have two members and we are going to have our first meeting January 8th. We will discuss updating the St. John's Parish Pictorial Directory. The new members are Joanne Adams and Leslie Smith. Father shared a letter commending our Parish and its generous participation in the current United Catholic Appeal.

What needs to be communicated?

Communication:

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In need of Strawberry Festival Co-Chairs

NEXT MEETING: January 13th at 7:00pm

Father led us in our closing prayers.