

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

February 10, 2015

Welcome: Tony welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Opening Prayer – “**Prayer for Reconciliation**”

Roll Call: Present: Roll Call – Fr. Day, Stephanie Book, Marlin Andres, Betty Roll, Tony Balmer, Bette Buechler, Larry Buechler, Mike Cundiff, Connie Missi, Sharon Schmidt, Merle Kruer, Vicki Waterbury, Cathy Graninger, and John Rowan.

Excused: Keith Heck, Lisa Heck, and Ryan Kruer.

Merle made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Cathy seconded. All approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

United Catholic Appeal 2015 - Thank you

Thank you letter from the Archbishop read by Father. We made 285% of our goal.

Update on Transfer of Property

Father has been in contact with Eric Atkins. There is not much to update on this because he has not made it to look at the property.

Request for Hall for Alzheimer’s Dinner - August 22, 2015

Dinner was approved for Ginny Balmer to host on 8/22/2015. Marlin made a motion to approve. Cathy seconded. All approved.

St. Elizabeth/Catholic Charities Invitation

St. Elizabeth’s invites us to tour their facilities the dates are listed in the handout.

Strawberry Festival Update

Damon invited the PPC to the Strawberry Festival meeting. He asked for the following:

1. We need more handicap parking.
2. Asked for leach line to be added to the ground between the church lake and present parking area.
3. Figure out the cause that makes the lateral lines overflow
4. Father mention about redirecting traffic. We paid \$1,200.00-\$1,400.00 for parking before and Damon asked for \$2,000.00 for security parking.

John said we should have additional blacktop for handicapped parking. Larry suggested waiting until next year to lay leach line because of settling. Larry also suggested pumping the septic systems before the festival to help with the lateral lines overflowing.

Marlin suggested we could run the leach line and then cover the backfill with gravel. Father asked who would do that. Damon said we could get a cost estimate from Dan Cristiani. Marlin estimated it could cost \$5.00 a foot for (3) 1000 foot leach lines. We could also ask Temple & Temple for another estimate as well. Tony asked Marlin if he could get the estimates and he said he would take care of it. Damon suggested we have it done in April. Damon asked if we could go ahead and get estimates on the blacktop and Marlin said he would take care of getting that as well.

Damon asked about getting strips along the road for handicap parking (2) or (3) 12 foot rows. Father suggested we make sure the area is accurate for both bids so we can get an accurate estimate.

Dot took care of getting an ATM machine.

Tony asked about POS merchant machine to charge for meals. Father suggested we add a "Cash Only" sign instead.

John asked if we can have a tent in the lower lot. Bettie said we need to talk about this with vendors. Damon said we need more eating space as well.

Father mentioned if we get bids do we want to wait for the Executive Committee to make the decision? Marlin made a motion to get bids for the paving for the Strawberry Festival handicap parking and the leach pipe draining, Merle seconded, all approved.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Catholic Faith Formation:

We had a very good turnout for our February class. We will be having a student Reconciliation March 15, 2015 during Sunday Morning class time. We have six students for First Communion, which is on April 12, 2015. We have started on the Faith Formation calendar for next year.

Catholic Youth Ministry:

This past Sunday (Feb. 8) we started a Faith Formation study for High School youth in the Youth Room following the 10 am Mass. All high school youth were invited, however it is important that all youth wishing to be confirmed next year, attend Faith Formation this year.

Also, this past Sunday was the high school Youth Mass at St. Mary's Navilleton, followed by a Dodge Ball Tournament.

Volleyball season has started! We have 9 players for our Co-Ed team. Our coaches are Tim Book and Houston Andres. Record is 1 win, 2 losses. Next Sunday (Feb. 15) we are hosting volleyball games here at St. John's. The first game starts at 1 pm, and the final game is at 6 pm. St. John's team plays the first and last game of the day. I am taking sign-ups for volunteers to help with the concession stand, score table, and door money. I will need to leave the games around 3 for the closing of the Senior Retreat at Mt. St. Francis, but will return once that is complete. Hopefully I will have plenty of parents and youth help throughout the day!

I am looking into the future and seeing opportunities for the Youth this summer and beyond! I have received the flyers for One Bread One Cup at St. Meinrad, and wish to personally invite some young parishioners to attend that this summer. The deadline to register to our office is February 23.

Also, I will have an informational meeting regarding NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) being held in Indy in November this month on February 26 at St. Mary's Navilleton. The meeting is for all youth currently in Grades 8-11 of both parishes. NCYC is a great experience that I would like to promote. This year, many youth ministers of the deanery are taking a pilgrimage approach to NCYC. We will have 4-5 sessions prior to the actual conference, hopefully building this spiritual experience for them, and making it more than just a 4 day trip. Since the trip costs around \$500 each, I plan to have youth help in fundraisers such as the Fish Fry's to offset some of the costs. If you know any youth that are in this age group, please encourage them to attend the informational meeting with their parents on February 26.

Letter from Olivia Lucas

The March is an experience that never will leave me. That is why I keep coming back every year for more. There something intensely special about being standing with thousands and hoping that the world will change. Just removing one's self from the pressures and worries at home was enough to heighten my understanding of the reality of our society. The rules and morals of our world are hurting us but I can now say that I have done more than just letting it happen. And when I was walking I saw things, both beautiful and terrible, that I have sworn never to forget. But the thing I will cherish the most was all the voices of the thousands. The chants of the priests, the prayers of the nuns, the singing of the churches, and the shouting of kids like me all had the same voice and it truly was music. That day, on the anniversary of something so awful, our music occupied the streets. I am so grateful to have gotten to experience the 1st amendment first hand and to have given a voice to those who don't have one. – Olivia Lucas

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry:

Our Commission met last Tuesday, we now have two new Eucharistic ministers. Ash Wednesday Masses will be on February, 18, 2015 at 8:00AM and 7:00PM. Monday Lenten Evening Masses will be at 7:00PM and we encourage everyone to stay afterwards for the adult education classes. We will have a video and discussion. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on two Wednesday evenings, March 4th and 18th, for the *Light is on for You Program*. We are always looking for parishioners to join the choir.

Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds:

Leak in the gym - Koetter Construction said they could fix it. They said it would cost about \$50-\$75. But if this fix doesn't work there could be additional cost of around \$500.

Emergency lighting - half of them work at the gym and the other do not. We could order batteries but some of the lights are so old they do not make batteries for them so we may have to replace the entire unit.

Gas - Larry has looked into the cost of gas that the Church has been paying. Currently we pay \$2.31 a gallon. Larry called around to other gas companies to see if we could get any cost savings. Pearce Gas came back with some major cost savings that would save the Church a substantial amount of money if we switched over. There is no lease or lock-in fee and they would be able monitor the gas via wireless network in the tank so the Church would not run out. And if we do not have the ability for them to connect wirelessly, they will continue monitor weekly.

Father requested the tank may need to be moved to another location due to the current tank sinking.

Marlin made a motion to switch to Pearce Gas Company and schedule the switch, Merle seconded. All approved.

Financial Report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$ 84,657.00 and the balance in the festival account is \$ 20,000.

At the meeting on January 27th the Finance Council took the following actions: voted to transfer from the festival account the remaining income (\$1,089.72) from last year's festival into the general account; reviewed and approved the second quarter financial report which was included in the bulletin the weekend of January 31st; reviewed and approved the December bank reconciliation of the Mass Stipend account; discussed the improvement expenditures brought to the group by Damon with the suggestion that they be taken to the full Parish Council; brought the group up to speed on the costs associated with updating our website and bringing it in house; and discussed the possible expenditure for a newer version of QuickBooks due to a virus on Barb Bierman's computer and tabled it until next meeting to gather further information.

The Finance Council, via email, approved an expenditure of \$4,000 for the purchase of a new floor scrubber for the parish hall. It was felt that a new one was more economical than purchasing a refurbished one at a cost of \$1,500.

We will be sending a donation of \$500 to the Billboards for Life endeavor. These funds will be from the COH rebates.

The next Finance Council meeting was set for February 24, 2015. All were invited to attend.

Stewardship Commission:

Nothing to report. Meeting has been scheduled for the Pictorial Directory.

Communication: None

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Father led us in our closing prayers.