

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

March 10, 2015

Welcome: Keith welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Opening Prayer – “Prayer at Harvest and Thanksgiving”

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

Excused: Merle Kruer, Mike Cundiff, and Ryan Kruer.

Tony made a motion to accept the minutes from our prior meeting with the changes as presented. Lisa seconded. All approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Update on Transfer of Property: Father said that Brandon Koetter is to follow through on a few things. The diocese already gave back the house and surrounding property to the foundation. The other issue is John and Bert Craig thought that Mr. Koerber, Bert’s father, had purchased some land from the church but he had not. The diocese is suggesting to get everything squared away. The Craigs will post some stakes for this section. We are going to figure it out to where it goes straight back from the road. Not sure when all this will happen , but it is in the works.

Strawberry Festival Committee Report:

Our first pre-planning meeting was held February 25, 2015. There were approximately 15 in attendance. By the end of the evening, I would say we had around 85% of all leadership positions filled. Since then several more have been confirmed. And at this time, we could very well be at 100%

Right now we are covering all of the “early” timeline areas. Most of that is in setting up things that need to be designed and printed. Also, several things have to be ordered and/or reserved early, and advertising and promotional spots need to be submitted in time for their community timelines.

This year’s raffle prize donors so far are: Martha King/\$500; Joni and Norb Kruer/\$250; Joe Huber’s Restaurant/iPad Air/\$399; and Judy Ann Kruer for an 87 x 100” Star design quilt. It was our goal to have them ready before our fish fries are over, but this might not be accomplished. Kim Kaiser has done an excellent job taking care of this area.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2015. At that time there should be reports in from various chair people in regards to their progress or problems. And hopefully, ALL areas will have a chairperson in place and any problems or obstacles will have been addressed.

We do have some new leaders this year, but have also retained many of our “experts” from prior years. And some of them have taken on additional tasks pertaining of their areas that were being handled separately before.

We do have our gaming license, and we do have our table and chairs on order and looking at getting a new tent. Things look to be progressing as planned at this time.

Parking follow up - Marlin got some bids for the leach line. Temple & Temple bid was \$4950 for a 200 foot main line going down the center and 40 foot lines on each side flowing into the 200 foot line. If Temple & Temple can do it with a trencher it will be reduced the cost by 30% and we can get more line. Either way it's not going to go all the way to the lake. The price includes gravel. Marlin is going to get another bid so we have another bid to compare to.

Blacktop - Quote from Libs Paving is \$3900 for the asphalt 24' x 200' and 2 1/2" thick along the upper part of the parking lot. This quote is \$2,000 less than Temple & Temple.

Tony made a motion to move forward with the paving by Libs Paving and for it to be completed before the festival. Bette Buechler seconded. All approved.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Catholic Faith Formation: Our Lenten Reconciliation for students is this Sunday during the Faith formation classes. We invited parents and older relatives to join. Everyone is invited to the Aquinas Center for an evening for Prince of Narnia movie Friday, March 20th.

Catholic Youth Ministry: Volleyball season is complete! The youth ended the season with a few wins and a lot of fun! Upon request, I have agreed to let them continue to practice in the gym on Thursday nights, since they end the evenings setting up for the Fish Fry's. Also, I checked with Dotie, and no one is requesting to rent the gym at this late time.

I am happy to see the youth helping at the Parish Fish Fry's. I am encouraging them weekly to come and help, and I pray it continues! It is fun!

Something new is planned for the older youth! We have scheduled a Shanty Town experience for the youth in grades 8 – 12. On Good Friday we will join other youth from St. Mary of the Knobs and St. Mary's Navilleton at the SMK Church for a light dinner then Silhouette Stations of the Cross in their chapel. We will then travel here to St. John's Starlight to build their Shanty Village in the parking lot, consisting of cardboard boxes. Ethan Schmidt and I are excited to share with them a set of Prayer stations that we will have set up in the gym, prior to them getting there. Youth will spend the night outdoors in their shanty, and wake up to breakfast and service work to less fortunate people in our area. We will end the afternoon at the Deanery's Bowl-a-thon at Eastern Lanes, supporting the Deanery Youth Ministry office. I am excited for this event and pray for not only a good amount of youth, but a meaningful experience for them.

We have registered 4 youth for One Bread, One Cup, being held this June at St. Meinrad. Brandon Lacy, Grace Missi, Olivia Lucas, and Nicole Kruer will be attending this Liturgical Leadership Conference.

I am taking pre-registrations for NCYC. That registration is due by April 1. This will just help me get an idea of how many are thinking of it and planning to attend in November 2015!

New schedules and retreat brochures were mailed and sent to any email addresses that I have.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry: We had our meeting last Tuesday. We are in need of volunteers to for washing of the feet, and we would like to have a good representation from the Parish Pastoral Council membership. We have three new Eucharistic ministers: Vicki Andres and Noah Andres and Kim Kaiser. We are still recruiting lectors for the 5:00pm mass on Saturday's. The ladies cleaning the church said we needed a new vacuum and Father gave them the "ok" to purchase a new one.

Chrism Mass will happen at 2:00pm on Tuesday of Holy Week at the Cathedral in Indianapolis. If anyone is interested in attending, let Father, Merle Kruer, or Jim Nett know.

Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds: Leak in the gym into the entrance and everything is good and dry.

Emergency Lighting - Larry is planning meeting with Star Electric this week.

Pearce Bottled gas will provide tanks. We discussed in our last meeting on moving the tank and it could go either side of where the existing tank is. Father said he would like for it to go towards the shrine.

Father asked about the tree just off to the left of the Parish Office to see if anyone donated it. The branches hover over one of the benches outside and would like to see if we can remove it. Betty Roll is going to ask around if it is donated and see who may have donated before doing anything.

Financial Report: The balance in the general account is approximately \$ 83,243.74 and the balance in the festival account is \$ 19,836.20.

The Finance Council did not meet in February due to the lack of pressing discussion material and that several of the members were unable to attend.

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

Stewardship Commission: Met on Thursday February 26 with Steven Spath and we plan to do the parish directory and discussed the timeline of the process and we set some tentative dates. Base on the number of families it will take 8 days May 5, 6, 12, 13 and the other dates would be May 27, 28, 29, 30. Marlin made a motion move forward with pictorial directory. Betty Roll seconded. All approved. We now have seven people on the committee.

Communication: NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Father led us in our closing prayers.