

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

April 14, 2015

Welcome: Keith welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Opening Prayer – “For the Church” & “For Vocations”

Roll Call: Present: Roll Call – Fr. Day, Stephanie Book, Betty Roll, Tony Balmer, Bette Buechler, Larry Buechler, Ryan Kruer, John Rowan, Merle Kruer, Keith Heck, and Lisa Heck

Excused: Cathy Graninger, Vicki Waterbury, Connie Missi, and Sharon Schmidt

Absent: Mike Cundiff and Marlin Andres

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSIONS

Strawberry Festival Committee Report

All is going as planned according to the timeline. There has been a parish communication. T-shirt orders has been extended to April 19th. John would like a brief moment at the pulpit to talk about the Strawberry Festival (two weeks before the festival). The festival will conclude at 6:00PM. Afterwards, we are going to have a open mic jam session. There will be beer and wine for purchase, but no coolers are allowed to be brought in. Anyone who purchases beer or wine will be required to stay in the tent. John said he will make sure there is a sheriff there to monitor and he will make sure we have our alcohol license.

Facebook - someone called Father and this person asked quite a few questions, i.e. what a meal cost, when the festival starts, when it ends, etc. Tony asked everyone to please send the information to Laura. Lindsey and Patrick were the only ones who responded. Tony said Facebook will be updated once we have all the correct information. We are averaging 20 new “likes” a day.

Update on Transfer of Property

Father said the land was surveyed and the Archdiocese gave Brandon Koetter the ok to get the documents prepared and then get those to us.

Improvements for Festival --- Paving & Leach Lines

Father said the paving has been done and paid for. The only issue is we had an unusual rain and it washed out the gravel and washed back under the brand new blacktop. Jim Book was able to put the rock back up but if we keep having those types of rains that is going to keep happening. In terms of the drainage, Marlin said he was going to get a second bid and he last said he was working on it.

CJ Smith Annual Fund-Raising Breakfast, November 8, 2015

Jerry Finn needs approval. Tony approved. Lisa seconded. All approved.

Summer Seminarian in Residence

Father said it is not in stone, but they are asking Father to take a seminarian, Tim DeCrane, over the summer.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Catholic Faith Formation:

Father said that Sharon said that she was thrilled with First communion with the practice and preparation.

Catholic Youth Ministry:

On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, St. John's Starlight hosted Shanty Town! We had a wonderful time! There were 38 youth in grades 8 – 12, from St. John's, St. Mary's Navilleton, and St. Mary of the Knobs (6 from St. John's). We started at St. Mary of the Knobs for the Silhouette Stations and prayer service and a light dinner. Then we came here to St. John's Starlight. Thank you to Tony Balmer, Greenville Elementary, and the recycling center for donating the cardboard for their shanties. We stayed indoors in the gym, and built prayers stations around the perimeter of the gym. Also, we had Fr. John Elmer and Friar John to hear confessions. On Saturday morning we packed up and traveled to Mt. St. Francis and worked 3 hours of service there, stacking and cutting wood, clearing paths, and painting a shrine. We finished at the deanery Bowl-a-thon at Eastern Lanes, hosted by the deanery Catholic Youth Ministry office. I think the youth really enjoyed themselves and were pleasantly impressed with the activities and experience. It was also nice seeing them mingle among the different youth groups!

Other upcoming events:

- 8th Grade Retreat "Cool 2B Catholic" at Mt. St. Francis, Jacob Cundiff is attending
- High School Faith Formation April 12 & 19
- Youth Mass (Open to all families in the deanery) April 19 at St. Mary of the Knobs

I am also starting to promote and plan summer events such as the Strawberry Festival booth, Faith in Action (High School), Wolfe Pack Mission trip (High School), and Summer Daze (Middle School).

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry:

Father said that May Crowning will be the first Sunday in May at 9:00AM. We are changing the hymnals and the new ones we are ordering they are paperback. We are also ordering new books for the chore. All cost about \$3,000. We will no longer need the missalette because all of the readings will be in the back of the hymnal. Easter and Holy Week went really well and we had great turnouts.

Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds:

Steve Kramer put in the new light in the first fixture but they are the right bulb but they don't fit the fixture properly. Steve tried to find a light that works and he cannot find one. He said another option would be to replace the entire fixtures, including labor, for \$200 a light. The new lights will be more efficient. There are about 14-16 lights. Father suggested to get a price to replace them all because they may give us a better price. Tony said to look into reducing the number of fixtures if the new fixtures produce better lighting.

Father said the new light on the pose at the new East Church Door entrance is out and that is being taken care of.

Week of May the 4th, the fire extinguishers were checked and made sure they were up to date.

Estes Septic is going to come and take care of emptying grease pans and pump the tanks before the festival.

Water bill - leak and the commode was running in the ladies restroom. \$850 and normally \$80. Daryl Naville reduced the bill to around half.

Spreadsheet checklist so whoever is done using the parish hall have them be responsible to check everything. Father said it is hard to determine and keep track because some parish members have keys and let others borrow their keys without letting Dottie know in advance.

Father mentioned the Cemetery Clean-Up Day. There will be a communication in the bulletin this coming weekend. Father mentioned that we need to encourage everyone, and this will be in the bulletin, to contact your relatives who may not be getting bulletin because we will be removing stuff if their items are not on the marker.

Financial Report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$86,562.45 and the balance in the festival account is \$18,911.74.

The Finance Council met on March 24th. At this meeting they reviewed and approved the latest Mass Stipend bank reconciliation; approved a donation of \$500 to Billboards for Life; made the group aware of the expenditure for a new compressor for the walk-in freezer; agreed to pay for the new hymnals approved by the Liturgy Committee from our Memorial monies; approved a \$100 donation to Hosparus for financial help with their scrapbooking project done in conjunction with St. Paul Sellersburg; and brought the group up-to-date on the transfer of the lateral field property to the Archdiocese from the Starlight Foundation.

The next Finance Council meeting is set for April 28, 2015 where discussion will be the third quarter financial statement as well as preparing for the budgeting process for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. All were invited to attend.

Stewardship Commission:

Lisa said the committee met this month and we are going to move the pictorial picture taking to July since the originally timeframe was during the Strawberry Festival time. Since the Life Touch has added more photographers it is only going to take us six days, versus the eight days. We are looking at July 15-18 and 21-22 for the photography. Sign ups will start June 13th and 14th.

The Stewardship education meeting – three of the four committee members, including Father, attended. Father gave some information on how to communicate with certain people. It is very interesting and it discusses the generation gaps.

Communications:

John Rowan is going to follow up Marlin about the bid.

Betty mentioned the tree over the bench (discussed in our last meeting) said the tree was donated. She said maybe look at moving it. Father said he will talk with Mark Koetter about moving it.

Larry is going to look into the Harrison County REMC energy saving rebates.

Communication: NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Father led us in our closing prayers.