

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

## Minutes

August 11, 2015

**Welcome:** Father and Ryan welcomed all.

**Opening Prayer:** “Connected in the Spirit”

**Roll Call:** Present: Fr. Day, Larry Buechler, Ryan Kruer, Cathy Graninger, Sharon Schmidt, Bette Buechler, Merle Kruer, Betty Roll, Mike Cundiff, Lisa Heck, Tracy Martin, Rita Smith, and Marlin Andres

**Excused:** Patrick Oster, Stephanie Book, and Vicki Waterbury

**Approval of Minutes:** Merle made a correction of date of September 15 (instead of August 15) for the annual report to be due to Archdiocese. Merle then made motion to approve w/ correction. Marlin seconded. All approved.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSIONS

#### Update on Property Transfer

Rick Koetter is to buy back the property from the Starlight Foundation. He wants two easements. The Archdiocese wondered why two easements. Bert and John Craig will fix the road to make it straight for the new property lines.

#### Christ Our Hope 2015-16

We had the same goal as last year. (\$10,317) Surpassed it by 291%.

#### Connected in the Spirit

As Dean, Father Day at the request of the Catholic Center staff has set up an Orientation Meeting for the Priests and Pastors of the New Albany & Tell City Deaneries on October 1 and to be held at Holy Family in New Albany.

#### Post Strawberry Festival Meeting – August 19

Bette Buechler sent out emails about it. We don't have the financial report in detail yet, but we made about \$65,000. Damon has the breakdown.

### COMMISSION REPORTS:

#### Catholic Faith Formation

Sharon reported they are getting ready for classes to start. Sunday, August 23 is registration and the first class.

December 13 is First Reconciliation

April 17 is First Communion. We have seven communicants.

### **Catholic Youth Ministry**

We are gearing up for an exciting school year and Confirmation year! I am recovering from a recent surgery, however, and working on our calendar and upcoming events. I am so pleased to have received messages from high school youth with ideas and plans for this upcoming year – begging for opportunities to share their faith with others! You are truly a blessed parish to have these wonderful youth!

And thank you to the parish's finance council for approving a recent request to help offset the remaining hotel, travel, and conference expenses (after each youth has paid their \$100 deposit) for youth to attend NCYC in November. Also, the parish will pay the expense of our one chaperone (Tim Book), and half of my expenses. The estimated expense should be around \$3000. Thank you very much!

This month I will be planning our Confirmation schedule and lessons. Mrs. Mary Schroder will be facilitating the classes again this year, and will use the same materials she used two years ago. I will have sign-ups for Confirmation on Sunday August 30, between masses in Smith Hall. I have advertised this in the bulletin, and will also send emails to all youth that qualify to be confirmed this year. Jim Nett has agreed to come and help on a few sessions, as he did before. And I am approaching another individual to help with a few sessions also. I also have interest in inviting recently confirmed youth that are active in sharing that fire of faith with youth their age! Classes will be held once a month, on Wednesday evenings again. I also plan to have Faith Formation classes with any high school youth once a month, to help continue their faith journey.

### **Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry**

Cathy reported they did not meet this month. The next time they meet, they'll be planning Advent/Christmas. We are getting new Missalettes, starting with Advent this year. Father said the new lector workbooks are in.

### **Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds**

Larry B. reported he met with Larry Stumler. Larry S. finished all the lights in the gym and classrooms. He's still trying to find lights for church. We will get \$500 rebate on new lights. They're guaranteed about 20-25 years, and all will save electricity. Church will be whiter and brighter. They are still working on septic tank issues; the light on the septic isn't good, and Larry S. will replace. There is a leak on the condensation line for one of the gym air conditioners. Steve Smith is helping Larry fix it.

### **We took a break to take the picture of parish council for the new directory.**

### **Financial Report**

The balance in the general account is approximately \$142,235.98 and the balance in the festival account is \$36,383.57.

The Finance Council met on July 28, 2015. At this meeting the following issues were discussed and actions taken.

- Approved the Mass Stipend Reconciliation for July 27, 2015 which reflected a balance of \$4,160.00;
- Reviewed and approved the fourth quarter financial report which was included in the bulletin the weekend of August 1, 2015;

- Damon is still working to finalize the Festival results but the amount of funds on hand was reviewed and the council voted to transfer into our ADLF account, \$50,000 from the Festival account and \$46,000 from the general account;
- Discussed the new suggested guidelines for UCA overages. In the past 25% went to the Home Mission Fund with 75% coming to the parish. Since the parish does not really need these funds, the Finance Council agreed that of the 75% we would give 50% to the UCA to be used as they see fit, and 25% would come to the parish for outreach ministries. Marlin made a motion to accept this split and Lisa seconded. The motion carried. Merle reported that the parish received \$8,587.75 for our share of the overage from last year's UCA;
- The Finance Council voted to fund a portion or all of the cost of the 6 youths and one adult attending NCYC this fall. In addition we will cover half the cost of the DRE. The cost to the parish is around \$3,200.00;
- The Council discussed a request that the parish cover the cost difference for one of our parishioners to attend a neighboring Catholic school. In an effort to promote attendance at Catholic schools, the Council voted to adopt a policy going forward to honor these requests. The current request will cost the parish \$835.00;
- The Council approved a request for a professional cleaning of the carpet in church at a cost of \$663.48;
- Fr. Day brought the group up to date on the new lighting in the gym; the possible expense related to the sewage lift pump; and the review of the lighting in church by Star Electric.

The next Finance Council meeting is set for August 25, 2015 and all were invited to attend.

Merle reported there will be new allocation form for UCA. It will be a 25/50/25% split of overage. This year, we got \$8,587.75 back.

Marlin made motion to approve new allocation. Lisa seconded. All in favor.

### **Stewardship Commission**

Lisa reported about half of our parishioners had their picture taken for the new directory. 126 taken, 122 not. The man from Lifetouch that was our representative has left the company. We have a new representative-out of Seymour. We are looking at retake days of September 3 and 4. If not, you can submit a picture and pay a \$10 fee. We will call everyone not taken and hopefully reschedule. The target date is sometime this fall.

The Commission members are going to a meeting at Lanesville on August 13 on Stewardship and Development education.

### **What needs to be communicated?**

#### **Communications**

Next Executive meeting is Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at 6 pm.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 7 pm.

Father led us in our closing prayers.