

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

September 8, 2015

Welcome: Father and Ryan welcomed all.

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

Roll Call: Present: Fr. Day, Stephanie Book, Larry Buechler, Bette Buechler, Cathy Graninger, Sharon Schmidt, Patrick Oster, Betty Roll, Lisa Heck, Tracy Martin, Rita Smith, Marlin Andres, and Vicki Waterbury

Excused: Merle Kruer

Absent: Mike Cundiff

Approval of Minutes: Marlin made motion to approve the minutes. Betty seconded. All approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSIONS

Update on Property Transfer

Father tried to get more information but there is no further information at this time.

Connected in the Spirit

No further information but there is a meeting on October 1st so Father said he could provide more information at our next meeting.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Catholic Faith Formation – We had 28 students that have registered for classes.

This Sunday we will be celebrating Grandparents Day and we are still looking for catechists for the Middle School students.

Catholic Youth Ministry

I am meeting with a handful of youth to schedule out this Fall’s Youth Ministry Schedule. I am attaching a skeleton schedule that I am working with so far. We have some great ideas of new service projects they have requested such as volunteering at St. Joseph’s Orphanage in Louisville, making Rosary bracelets with parishioners here at St. John’s, and pre-NCYC gatherings.

This year I will host a high school Faith Formation class once a month between masses in the Youth Room. I am opening this up to all high school youth. It will be held in the Youth Room. Our first class will be Sept. 20.

We are starting our Confirmation preparation classes next Wednesday night. This first Wednesday will be an orientation with youth and parents. Classes will be held once a month in basement of the Parish Office building. So far, I have 5 youth signed up. I have sent letters and forms for another 6 youth and parents that are eligible to go through the process this year. Confirmation is scheduled for May 14 at OLPH.

As for NCYC Expenses, the final payments are due this week. Here is the breakdown:

Youth Rooms \$864
Chaperone Room \$144
NCYC Conference fees (Less \$100 deposit) \$1020
NCYC Conference fee Chaperone \$170
Transportation \$224 (\$32/person)
Vicki's half expenses \$187

Total Expense \$2,609 to Archdiocese of Indy, The Westin of Indy, and Catholic Youth Ministries (Transportation), and St. Mary's Navilleton (Vicki's expense reimbursement.)

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry

We met in August. We are putting an announcement in the bulletin "Called by Name" it is a program to promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

In October, we will have the Baby Bottle Boomerang for St. Elizabeth's. The Rosary will be prayed before the start of our October Sunday and Weekday Liturgies.

This Advent there will not be a Christmas tree set up for the Angel Tree project but the need gift tags will be put out on the Altar for pick-up and return.

November we will do The Book of Remembrance and All Soul's Day for those who have died this year. November 8th, at the 8:00am mass we will be singing a medley of songs for all Armed Forces and we are inviting anyone who has served to join us this Liturgy and we have the C.J. Smith breakfast scheduled as well.

We are still looking for altar servers. We will be changing our Hymn books before Advent.

Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds

Play equipment that had the broken pieces has been removed and the bees have been removed. The new lights in Church are almost complete.

The emergency septic alarm system is complete. As long as the red light is not on and not flashing, then everything is ok.

The west side of the parking lot at school looks like it might need to be sealed. Father suggested that Libs Paving come up and take a look at it and have them make a recommendation.

Father talked to Suburban about picking up their tanks.

About three weeks ago, the steeple was hit by lightning and Father said the lightning rod must have been knocked off. Father said it is going to be about \$1000.00 to replace. Marlin made the motion to pursue this replacement and Lisa seconded, all approved.

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. There is a leak on the condensation line for one of the gym air conditioners. Steve Smith is helping Larry fix it.

Financial Report

The balance in the general account is approximately \$40,098.34 and the balance in the festival account is \$35,530.78.

The Finance Council met on August 25, 2015. At this meeting the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Mass Stipend Reconciliation for August 3, 2015 which reflected a balance of \$3,980.00;
- The Council was made aware of a letter from Monroe Shine advising of a Parish Internal Control Assessment to be conducted on the parish activities at the close of fiscal year 2015-2016;
- The annual report for fiscal year 2014-2015 was reviewed, approved and forwarded to the Archdiocese well ahead of the September 15th deadline.

The next Finance Council meeting is set for September 22, 2015 and all were invited to attend.

Stewardship Commission

We had 32 more participants for the retake days for our Parish Pictorial Directory update and we've had some submit photos.

Photo retake days are September 3rd and 4th. Parishioners can also 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 for Stewardship and Development education.

What needs to be communicated?

Next Executive meeting is Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 6 pm.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 7 pm. Father led us in our closing prayers.