

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
Minutes

October 13, 2015

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

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

**Roll Call:** Larry Buechler, Tracy Martin, Merle Kruer, Cathy Graninger, Mike Cundiff, Rita Smith, Ryan Kruer, Betty Roll, Father Day, Lisa Heck, Marlin Andres

**Excused:** Stephanie Book, Bette Buechler, Sharon Schmidt, Vicki Waterbury

**Absent:** Patrick Oster

**Approval of Minutes:** Cathy made motion to approve minutes. Marlin seconded. All approved.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Update on property transfer**

Father said as far as he knows, it’s going through.

**Connected in the Spirit**

We have a handout – Father went through that (includes timeline). All parishes are being studied. Some deaneries have too many parishes, not enough people. Some have combined, some closed. Not enough priests to staff all parishes. Looking at seeing if there’s enough going on in parishes to keep them open. Father went over the roles of Parish Core Team. He also went over what we’ll be looking for (qualifications) for Core Team roster. Father cannot be the chair. We have to have four members, within the next couple weeks. We are the last deanery in the state to go through this. Father has a couple people in mind, but he hasn’t talked to them yet. Marlin suggested Ryan Kruer. Father suggested Merle Kruer and Bette Buechler.

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Catholic Faith Formation Ministry**

Sharon had no report since it’s fall break.

**Catholic Youth Ministry**

I have recently met with a small group of high school youth, and they are so excited to get events planned throughout the year. Their main focus is planning a volunteer opportunity once a month. The month of October they are planning on hosting a “Trunk or Treat” outside of the Parish’s Halloween party. They are very excited! Anyone with a car, truck, or motorized vehicle that would like to hand out candy to children are welcome to come join them! We will be using the parking lot East of the gym. It will be blocked off and cars will be parked once it

starts, for safety reasons. Please feel free to decorate your car, or trunk, and dress up! And bring plenty of candy to hand out to our Starlight kids! Brandon has created a flyer that I will be sending along, to hopefully insert in the bulletin.

We are also continuing our monthly Faith Formation sessions in the youth room. Our next class on Oct. 18, will focus on the Rosary, then we will head to church early enough for three youth to lead the Rosary. Regular class times are 9-9:50.

Confirmation classes have started. Our next class is Oct. 21. Confirmation leaders this year are myself, Mary Schroder, Sarah Koetter, and Jim Nett. This year's candidates are Molly Koetter, Sam Kruer, Ethan Kruer, Peter Lonneman, and Mariel Nash.

Finally, we are finalizing details for our NCYC trip. Sam Kruer has now joined our group attending in November, so that makes 7 youth! Starlight is hosting a pre-NCYC gathering for our Navilleton/Starlight group (25 youth) on Sunday, Oct. 18 in the basement of the office at 4:30 pm. We will be making trade-able items, picking out t-shirt designs, and finalizing plans. I will be providing dinner since the Navilleton kids will be attending their Confirmation session directly after this meeting in Navilleton, either pizza or chili – something easy!

Finally, I am looking for one MALE ADULT to help chaperone at NCYC. We are now over our limit of youth to chaperone ration (by one!) I can have either a woman or a man as a chaperone, I have room for either one. However, I have Tim Book in a room to himself, and would rather have one more male adult. NCYC dates are Nov 19-22. We are leaving the morning of Thursday, Nov. 19, and returning at noon on Sunday, Nov. 22. I would also be flexible and would gladly accept an adult to join us Thursday night, if they don't want to miss two days of work. If you or you know of someone that would like to attend, please contact me asap!

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

Cathy reported the Baby Bottle Boomerang is off to a good start. It's due October 24<sup>th</sup>. In November, we will have the Book of Remembrance and candles will be put out for All Soul's Day. Terri Sprigler calls the families and ask them to light the candle for the deceased person. Change of hymnals – We'll gather the big green books the Sunday after Thanksgiving. We will let people know that if they want the book that they donated in memory of someone, they're welcome to take it. We'll be getting new books every year, with weekend readings and daily prayers.

On Sunday, November 8, at the 8 a.m. Mass, we will have a medley of songs for all the armed forces for Veterans' Day. We'll ask all veterans to stand and finish with "America the Beautiful".

### **Buildings and Grounds Ministry**

Larry met with Gary Libs (Libs Paving) about the school parking lot, and Libs said from the pole over to the Craig's is bad, but from the pole to school isn't that bad. Larry read off what all Libs Paving would do, and the bid is \$23,400. The parking lot is 26,700 sq. ft. We'd have to get it approved by the Archdiocese. Libs suggested not doing it till after the festival next year. He also suggested filling the holes (from the tents) with sand after the festival.

Light Bulbs – Every light in church, school, gym, and parish center are now LED. We should get \$5,000 in rebates. We paid \$5696 to Star Electric.

Steeple is not repaired yet. \$1,000 was approved to have it fixed.

### **Finance Council**

The balance in the general account is approximately \$40,550.53 and the balance in the festival account is \$29,239.06. \$5,696.72 was paid to Star Electric from the festival account for the work done on the lighting in the church, rectory/office, and gym.

The Finance Council did not meet on September 22, 2015 as scheduled as we had nothing to vote on. Via email the Council was advised of the need for repairing the lightning rod on the church steeple and the estimated costs, as well as the parish portion of the cost associated with attendance at NCYC.

We have received notification that the parish procedures and controls will be subjected to an Archdiocesan Internal Control Review sometime this fall. We are in the process of completing the questionnaire which they provided and are gathering the documentation requested to facilitate this review.

The next Finance Council meeting is set for October 27, 2015 and all were invited to attend.

### **Stewardship**

Lisa reported that we are still waiting for the second disk from the September photo session. We are getting more pictures submitted for the new directory.

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

Next Executive meeting is Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at 6 p.m.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 7 p.m.

Father led us in closing prayers.