

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
Minutes

November 10, 2015

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

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

**Roll Call:**

Father Day, Stephanie Book, Ryan Kruer, Bette Buechler, Sharon Schmidt, Larry Buechler, Tracy Martin, Merle Kruer, Cathy Graninger, Rita Smith, Betty Roll, Lisa Heck, and Marlin Andres

**Excused:** Patrick Oster, Mike Cundiff, and Vicki Waterbury

**Approval of Minutes:** Merle made motion to approve minutes. Lisa seconded. All approved.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Christ Our Hope Update [Goal, \$10,317]**

Father said we are off to a great start, current standing is \$27,800

**Update on Property Transfer**

Father said he hopes to hear something soon; nothing new to report.

**Connected in the Spirit**

We meet tomorrow night. The core team is Bette Buechler, Merle Ryan and Jim Book, Jr. More to come.

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Catholic Faith Formation Ministry**

Sunday, All Saints Day, we had a terrific turn out of saints during class time. Students studied their chosen saint then came to class dressed and prepared to share their story. They did an awesome job!

We have been talking about our sharing of our Time, Talent, and Treasures during class time. For the CJ Smith Endowment Breakfast this past Sunday, students used their time and talent to help earn a dollar which they shared their treasure at the breakfast.

The Aquinas Center is hosting a program for four consecutive Monday evenings beginning November 23<sup>rd</sup> called Stations of the Crib – An Advent Journey of Hope. Our hope is that all the Faith Formation teachers will be able to make some of these. The program is free. So we encourage everyone to join us.

Only two more Sunday classes left in November, the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> and three classes in December. First Reconciliation will be December 13<sup>th</sup>. Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> will make their Reconciliation then too.

### **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, and 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: 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! Thanks!

## **Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry**

November Book of Remembrance

Pope Francis has declared 2016 a Jubilee Year for the Church, calling it a “Holy Year of Mercy”.

Thanksgiving Eve is when we celebrate the collection for the Angel Tree. We are getting bread from the Amish and each family will get a loaf and it will be blessed. Thanksgiving Mass is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving at 7PM.

## **Buildings and Grounds Ministry**

Gary Libs said he would honor the price pave the West Parish Hall lot, if we decided to have it done next year.

Pearce Bottled Gas – Larry had someone come and check the pressure gauge on the tank and it is working properly.

Hilda Schmidt would like to have a sprayer on the faucet because it is nice to have during the Strawberry Festival when they are cleaning the strawberries. Father said that should be fine. Marlin and Larry will follow-up on this installation.

Nothing new to report at this time on the lightning rod replacement on the steeple.

## **Finance Council**

The balance in the general account is approximately \$48,304.31 and the balance in the festival account is \$28,528.10.

The Finance Council met on October 27, 2015 as scheduled and addressed the following agenda items:

- The latest Mass Stipend bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved. The account reflected a balance of \$4,090.00
- Fr. Day brought the group up to date regarding the United Catholic Appeal.
- The First Quarter Financial Report was reviewed and approved. It was included with the October 31 weekend bulletin.
- The Internal Control Assessment Questionnaire has been submitted to the Catholic Center in anticipation of our on-site Internal Control Review and is scheduled for November 18, 2015.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2015 and all were invited to attend.

## **Stewardship**

We did not have a meeting this month.

Pictorial Directory Update - we received two more pictures. It will take 15 days to see a proof and we will then have two weeks for approval. The turnaround will be a month for the final product.

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

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

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 7:45 p.m. after Holy Day Mass

Father led us in closing prayers.