

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes

December 8, 2015

Welcome: Father and Ryan welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: “Connected in the Spirit” Prayer

Roll Call: Father Day, Stephanie Book, Ryan Kruer, Larry Buechler, Bette Buechler, Marlin Andres, Patrick Oster, Rita Smith, Tracy Martin, Betty Roll, Merle Kruer, Cathy Graninger, Sharon Schmidt, Lisa Heck, Vicki Waterbury and Danny

Excused: Mike Cundiff

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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

Father said we are off to a great start and the current standing is \$29,830. We have heard from a great percentage of our parish and the amount is expected to increase.

Update on Property Transfer

Branden Koetter called and reported that the document transferring the property parcel from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to the Craig family as well as the documents transferring the property parcel from the Starlight Foundation to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis has been finalized and has been sent to the Archbishop for acceptance and approval. These transactions should be completed the end of this calendar year.

Connected in the Spirit

Father introduced it on Sunday at the Masses and introduced the core team. The letter was in the bulletin Sunday. Merle said the next step this weekend is the survey for the parishioners to fill out. We did the short form and the PPC is to fill out the long form. The Core Team will have another meeting on December 21st. We would like the surveys from the PPC Members back to us by December 19th. The survey is broken down in four categories (see paper for details). Your feedback and comments are encouraged. This is a self-assessment of our Church and this will help us compare against other parishes and to find our strengths and weaknesses and how we can improve. The parishioner surveys will be in the back of Church.

Parish New Year Brunch [Sunday, 1/3/2016] Sign-Up Sheets

We need sign-up sheets for the back of Church so we know who and how many are attending. Betty Roll said she would take care of creating and printing the list and putting them in the back of Church.

Parish New Year Brunch Set-Up [Saturday, 1/2/2016]

The Eurton's are taking care of the brunch this year. Father said he would send out an email to the PPC if the Eurton's need help with set-up.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry

Our eight Reconciliation students will receive their sacrament this coming Sunday, December 13th. Grades 3rd-8th will also participate in the sacrament.

December 20th is our last class for 2015. We will start classes again on January 10th (Sunday after the Parish New Year Party).

Practice for the Christmas Story before the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass will be Tuesday, December 22nd, at 6:00pm in the Church.

St Mary of the Knobs School Request - Father said the principal at the St. Mary's of the Knobs asked if they could send a letter to parents with school aged children. Father said he thought it would only be fair that we notify other schools so they had the opportunity to send letters as well. Cathy said maybe they should put a one-page document in the bulletin instead of mailing something out. Merle said maybe we should mail the letter(s) to our parishioners who have children, that way we are not sending a mailing list out.

Catholic Youth Ministry

St. Elizabeth Angel drive was completed today! Grace Missi and Nicole Kruer joined me in delivering pillows, towels, sheets, comforters, toys, clothes, coats and more for the ladies and children that reside at St. Elizabeth. Other churches in our area joined in the efforts. We filled a few rooms with items. I will post pictures to the website this week, so check it out!

Confirmation: November we had a fantastic Confirmation class with all 5 candidates. Sarah Koetter led the last session on prayer! Our next session is tomorrow, Dec. 9.

NCYC was AWESOME! We believe and have heard that this was the best one yet! It was a very spiritually filled 3 days for the youth and adults that joined us. Eucharistic Adoration was their favorite experience; many were in tears and truly felt the presence of God. I have videos and pictures to share.

Once my editing is complete I will share it with Parish Council.

Boys Basketball Team: Schedule has been released! We will host games here at St. Johns on Sunday, January 17th, 1-9 pm. Volunteers are welcome to help!!!

Upcoming news: The December and January calendar have been released. We plan to do another cookie bake and delivery with Ginny Balmer this year but are waiting until January 2 due to hectic schedules!

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry

Today was the 1 start date of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. There is a web link on our homepage and it tells you what will be going on here in our Archdiocese and in the Universal Church.

December 20th is the date set for decorating the church and will start the Sunday after 10:00AM mass.

We have a new Eucharistic Minister - Matthew Vick; and new Lectors - Jason Nett, Sam Kruer, and Cindy Bowe; and new Ushers & Greeters - Ann Jeanette Baker, Rosie McCartin, Steve Bowe

Buildings and Grounds Ministry

Nothing new on the kitchen faucet, Marlin said he would take care of it.

Apparently, there is no heat in one of the school rooms. McKinley Heating & Cooling has been contacted.

The wall going up the stairs to the Choir loft at Church is wet. Larry is going have Steve Smith take a look at it.

Finance Council

The balance in the general account is approximately \$49,790.16 and the balance in the festival account is \$26,295.43.

The Finance Council did not meet in November as scheduled therefore there was nothing further to report.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 22, 2015 and all were invited to attend.

Stewardship

Lisa spoke with LifeTouch today and she said she is expecting a proof here soon and they will give us a week to approve and then 2-3 weeks for it to be mailed to us.

There was a letter from Marie's Ministry Community Distribution requesting volunteers.

What needs to be communicated?

Next Executive meeting is Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 6 p.m.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Father led us in closing prayers.