

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

June 9, 2015

Welcome: Father and Stephanie welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Opening Prayer –”For Travelers and Vacationers”

Roll Call: Present: Fr. Day, Stephanie Book, Larry Buechler, Ryan Kruer, Cathy Graninger, Mike Cundiff, Sharon Schmidt, Bette Buechler Merle Kruer, Betty Roll, and Marlin Andres

Guests: Timothy DeCrane – Seminarian, and John Rowan

Absent: Vicki Waterbury

Excused: Keith Heck, Tony Balmer, Lisa Heck, and Connie Missi

Merle made a motion to accept the minutes from our prior meeting as presented. Cathy seconded. All approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSIONS

Update on Strawberry Festival

Damon is getting close on the final figures. The committee plans to have a post event meeting. John and Bette are planning on co-chairing again next year. Bette mentioned that we need an increase in our rental chair order and we need to rent a tent next year; she said they are working with Party Central. We would like to look into a better sound system also and find a room for the country baking items and jars for next year’s event.

Plans for July 4th Parade & Workers’ Thank You Party

The Council decided on Sunday, June 28th. Everyone is to meet at the Parish Hall and the parade will leave at 1:00pm.

Biographies of Nominees for PPC for June 20 & 21 Weekend Masses

Father informed us of the nominees: Patrick Oster, Tracy Martin, Rita Smith and Tammy Lucas Stuart. Father is hopeful for a few more nominees. We will vote on the weekend of the June 27th and the 28th with the Ballots in the pews for the Weekend Masses

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Catholic Faith Formation:

Applications for the Annual Rev. Richard M. Smith Scholarship are due in the parish office by Monday, June 22nd..

Catholic Youth Ministry:

This past Sunday, June 7, we celebrated Senior Mass honoring our six graduating high school seniors: Noah Andres, Taylor Huber, Mason Koetter, Patrick McPhillips, Carson Nash, and Jake Zurschmiede. The parish purchased "The Catholic Youth Prayer Book" for each senior and we gave that to them.

I am very pleased to say that we have 9 middle school youth from St. Johns interested in being a part of the Summer Daze program! Summer Daze is a three day program on three consecutive Tuesdays in June. We spend half of the day doing service work, then a picnic lunch, then we will go to a social outing together.

- June 16: Service at St. Mary of the Knobs; then we go to Jammerz Roller Dome
- June 23 Service at Navilleton/St. Johns; then we go to Eastern Bowling Lanes
- June 30 Service at Guerin Woods; then go to Atlantis Water Park

Fr. Day and I have briefly discussed potential work they can do here at on St. John's grounds such as cleaning "reachable" windows and maybe working on the Youth Room. If the Parish Council has any ideas please share. All 9 Starlight kids with half of the Knobs kids will be here that morning from 9 – 11:30 to do whatever chores are needed to be done!

In other summer plans we have Emily Koetter planning to go to Faith in Action at Mt. St. Francis, June 18-21. Grace Missi, Brandon Lacy, Olivia Lucas, and Nicole Kruer are attending One Bread One Cup at St. Meinrad June 26-30. Peter Lonneman is attending Wolfe Pack Mission trip July 8-12, in Campton, Kentucky.

This year's Belle of Louisville Cruise is a family event, for anyone in the deanery. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Catholic Youth Ministries 50th Anniversary. The cruise is on June 20, boarding time is 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 each, or \$100 for the entire family, and can be purchased through the deanery office.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry:

We met last week. Robert Mouser was serving on this Commission but has resigned as the family is moving from our parish. Merle Kruer will be joining the Commission to replace Robert. We have two additional Eucharistic Ministers, Vicki Andres and Jeannie Schmidt. We have increased the order for our Lector Workbooks for 2016 up to 35. We are still in need of more Lectors for 5:00pm and 10:00am Masses.

Father has updated and posted Instructions for the Lectors.

Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds:

Within the next two weeks, Star Electric will be installing the new lights in the Parish Hall, as well as replacing the burned-out ones in the Church.

June 23rd - Larry Buechler will be going to St. Augustine Catholic Church in Jeffersonville for the Asbestos Training.

Within the next month we will changing our propane tanks from Suburban to Pearce.

Strawberry Festival - a faucet in the ladies restroom would not turn off (the top part) but we were able to turn it off underneath.

John said that pumping the septic system was a great idea and we should consider doing this annually before the Strawberry Festival.

Property Transfer - Father met with Bert Craig. All the surveying has been done and the documentation prepared. There is a little triangle next to the Craig house that is being deeded to the Craig's as it is of little use to our parish and Archdiocese. Once the Archdiocese completes this task then the Starlight Foundation will transfer 13 acres of land to the Archdiocese and our parish. They are finalizing the details so that everything is accurate.

Financial Report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$81,047.67 and the balance of the festival account is \$100,722.39.

The Finance Council met on May 26th. At this meeting they reviewed and approved the latest Mass Stipend bank reconciliation; are considering using Quick Books for the festival accounting; and finalized the budget for fiscal year 2015-2016.

The budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016 is due into the Archdiocese by June 15, 2015. The budget was mailed, along with Projected Three-Year Capital Expenditure Budget, on June 2nd well ahead of the deadline. A copy of the budget was provided to each council member.

The next Finance Council meeting was set for June 23, 2015. All were invited to attend.

Stewardship Commission:

Pictorial Directory Update - Everyone will be able to sign-up beginning this week.

What needs to be communicated?

Bulletin: Scheduled June 28th Plans for July 4th Parade & Workers' Thank You Party

Communications:

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Father led us in our closing prayers.