

**'SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes**

January 12, 2016

Welcome: Father and Ryan welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: "*Connected in the Spirit*" prayer

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

Excused: Stephanie Book, Patrick Oster, Vicki Waterbury

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Parish New Year Brunch Report

Father reported the brunch was a big success. Thanks to everyone who helped. Next year, it will be catered, so all parishioners can enjoy it.

Update on property transfer

Father reported it has gone through. Craig's received their deed. The Archdiocese received our documentation. We own the land. Greg Andres has already been working on the lane.

Christ Our Hope Update

Our goal was \$10,317. We raised \$31,600. That is 306% of our goal. 48% of parishioners participated. Next year, they are going to update the goals.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Report

Father reported we raised \$2,414.95. 86 filled bottles. St. Elizabeth's sent a Thank You.

Marie's Ministry Community Distribution Center

Bette reported that she and Father went to training. They're only open one day per month, but the goal is to be open every Tuesday. They've remodeled and organized everything. They have baby and mom stuff. It takes three people to work, with preferably 7-8 on a team. On Feb. 2, they'll go back. It's open 10 am – 2 pm. Located behind Nance's Florist on 7th St. in New Albany. Let Bette know if you or anyone you know can volunteer.

Connected in the Spirit

Merle thanked everyone for completing a survey which was due in on January 3, 2016. He also said that the core team was still accepting completed surveys for review. The Core Team met on January 4, 2016 to review the survey responses received and worked on completing the info needed for submission at their February 3rd meeting. At the February 3rd meeting the parish cohorts will be decided. St. John's turned in St. Mary's of the Knobs, and St. Mary's Navilleton as our cohorts based solely on geography. We also suggested St. John Paul II as a possibility. The Core Team will be meeting on January 18th to finalize the documents needed for the February 3rd meeting and begin work on the next set of documents required.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry

Sharon's report: We had the best ever First Reconciliation. With such a large group for us (8), and nearly all the parents made reconciliation, we nearly ran out of time.

Our turn out for the children's nativity story before the Christmas Eve Mass was very good. We ended up having four kings!

Our first class back for the new year this past Sunday did not work out due to the weather. We originally only had two families show up and at 9:05 am, decided to close. Of course, when we were leaving, we had three other families show up. We will try again this Sunday.

Catholic Youth Ministry

Vicki's report: We held our annual cookie bake and delivery Saturday, January 2. We started at 11 am in Ginny Balmer's kitchen and were out delivering by 1 pm. We visited Ester Book, Jewel Cavins, Blanche Finn, Colette Zumstein, Bill Book Sr., Edna Stumler, Carolyn Holden, Phyllis Adams, Ronnie Sprigler (It was also his birthday!), Helen Balmer, Leona & Zach Gibson, and took cookies to Fr. Day to deliver to Helen Samples. It was a great time and was nice to deliver with the youth.

St. John Starlight will host a day of deanery basketball games this Sunday, January 17! The first game is at 1:30 and the final game starts at 7:30 pm. So, I am scheduling help to be there from 1-8:30 pm. Our team has the first game that day against OLPH.

Speaking of sports, Volleyball season is just around the corner. The first weekend of games is January 31. We will be scheduling upcoming practices and throw our hat in the ring to host one day of games.

This month we have two great events coming up. The deanery is hosting a Respect Life Saturday event held at St. Anthony of Padua parish, then going to St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities and a vigil Mass at Holy Family. This will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 11-6.

I hope to get a car load of youth to join us for this event. This event is to replace going to Washington D.C. this year. The deanery will only host the D.C. March for Life every other year, opposite of NCYC year.

Also, we were invited to help serve and clean up a dinner for the Table of Plenty at the Resurrection Hall in Louisville. They have asked for our help, and I feel like this is an excellent service opportunity for youth and myself! I am gathering RSVPs of youth wanting to help work this awesome service event now and hope to have a few car loads – between both parishes! Leslie Smith has already volunteered to help, and will drive youth also.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry

Cathy reported there was no January meeting. Next one will be February 2. They are preparing for Lent. This is the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Our parish webpage links Jubilee – you can check out what's going on. During Lent, there will be Monday night Mass and Friday Stations of the Cross. The first fish fry will be February 12.

Buildings and Grounds Ministry

Larry reported he replaced some light bulbs, and a carbon monoxide detector. Talked to the same guy who is fixing the steeple about the leak in church by the choir loft. It will probably be spring before fixed.

Cemetery Committee Report (copy attached)

Finance Council

Merle's report: The balance in the general account is approximately \$56,109.89 and the balance in the festival account is \$22,820.08.

The Finance Council did not meet in December as scheduled therefore nothing further to report.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2016 and all were invited to attend.

Stewardship

Lisa reported that there were corrections made on new directory that set us back one week, now supposed to be in January 20. We will label on January 23, and they'll be in church that weekend.

What needs to be communicated?

Bette will put in bulletin about Marie's Ministry and asking for volunteers.

Ryan will talk to Dan Regan about sharing the cemetery report.

Next Executive meeting is February 2, 2016, at 6 pm. Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 7 p.m.

Father led us in closing prayers.