

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes

October 11, 2016

Welcome: Bette, chairperson, welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: "Connected in the Spirit" prayer

Roll Call: Father Day, Bette Buechler, Rita Smith, Merle Kruer, Sharon Schmidt, Cathy Graninger, Darlene McCoy, Larry Buechler, Vicki Waterbury, Tracy Martin, Lisa Heck, Betty Roll

Excused: Mike Cundiff, Brad Denman, Leslie Smith

Absent: Patrick Oster

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

United Catholic Appeal 2016/2017 Information

Intention weekend is November 12-13 and the Parish Goal is \$10,317.00, the same as last year.

***Connected in the Spirit* Information**

At this time, we and the other Cohort members of St. Mary, Navilleton and St Mary of the Knobs have not received any official response to our recommendations.

Update on new chairs and racks for parish hall

The new chairs for the Parish Hall are on order. We do not have a delivery date yet!

Parish Brunch planning? New Year's Day? Caterers?

Discussion on having it January 1 or 8. Decided on the 8th. There will only be one Mass that day at 9 am. It was decided last year that this would be a catered event in the future so no parish family would need to be in charge. We want to give our parishioner, Ginny Balmer, the first choice as to whether "All About Taste" would want to be our caterer this year. Betty volunteered to approach her. Stumler Catering is also a possibility.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry

Sharon's report:

They have been on fall break so nothing to report. Starts back up this Sunday.

Catholic Youth Ministry

Vicki's report:

Thanks to our wonderful God, that Fall is here. Amen!

Thursday is the fall middle school youth Movie Matinee in Corydon with the other deanery youth. The movie was just announced and is "Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life." It is \$7, plus concessions will be available to purchase. I can take some kids, if transportation is needed.

Our next high school Faith Formation class is Oct. 30, from 8:50-9:50 am. We will meet again in the upstairs youth room.

Also, on October 30 we will be hosting a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot outside of the parish's Halloween party. We talked about this after setting up the funeral meal a week ago, and they are excited! I will send out reminder emails and get commitments, best I can. I will also put something in the bulletin and make sure that all know it is open for anyone in the parish to join us!!

ICYC is November 6, which is quickly approaching. I have sent emails and bulletin announcements, but haven't gotten much of a response. I will be making a few phone calls to personally invite a few also.

Basketball registration will start soon. The season runs November through January. Any high school boys interested in playing basketball for the parish are welcome to. We do ask that they also attend Faith Formation and participate in other parish activities.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry

Cathy's report:

Father will be on retreat October 18-21. Communion services only that week.

Two weekends October 23 and October 30 are United Catholic Appeal Awareness weekends.

All Saints Day (Holy Day) Masses will be Tuesday, November 1 at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Baby Bottle Boomerang for St. Elizabeth's – bottles distributed and are due back the 23rd.

Daily Rosary in October – now occurring.

November Book of Remembrance – Book will be out for the month of November for all parish members to record those deceased members.

All Souls Day and Candles for deceased this year – Families have been notified and instructed to light the candle November 1 or 2.

Eucharistic Ministers – Please note that the name of the first person listed in the bulletin, is the person to carry the cross and distribute the host. This procedure will be written up in the bulletin.

Lectors – the new workbooks for 2017 are available. Darlene will distribute.

Altar Servers – Father reported that we have several new servers now on the schedule.

Next Liturgy meeting is November 1 after the evening Holy Day Mass.

Buildings and Grounds Ministry

Larry's report:

The striping in front of Church is done and the contract for the West parking lot by Parish Hall have been signed. We don't have a date yet on when the parking lot will get done.

Archdiocese Self Inspection status – Father says he has responded, but has not heard back.

Knox Box Rapid Entry System – Fire Dept. wants us to install a small box, they'd have key.

Father doesn't think we need this.

Finance Council

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$49,700.69 and the balance in the gaming account is approximately \$16,490.75.

The Finance Council did not meet in September. Therefore, nothing further to report.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2016 and all invited to attend.

Stewardship

Lisa's report:

Only 2 people at meeting, so no meeting. This month, we'll finish Poverty.

What needs to be communicated?

Betty will call Ginny Balmer about New Year's brunch.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

Christmas Eve is on Saturday, Masses will be 5 pm and 10 pm.

Christmas Day is on Sunday, Mass will be 10 am.

Thank you note from Sister Betty Vetter, SDS --- Visiting Missionary Sister

Dear Father Day and parishioners of St. John,

I would like to express the appreciation of the Sisters of the Divine Savior for your participation in the Mission Appeal at St. John's. Some are called to the Missions by going and others go to the Missions by giving. I appreciate your warm hospitality. Gratefully, Sr. Betty Vetter, SDS

Next Executive meeting is November 1, 2016, at 6 pm.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at 7 p.m.

Father led us in closing prayers, "Jubilee Year of Mercy".