

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes

November 8, 2016

Welcome: Bette, chairperson, welcomed all.

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

Roll Call: Father Day, Bette Buechler, Rita Smith, Tracy Martin, Merle Kruer, Sharon Schmidt, Cathy Graninger, Larry Buechler, Leslie Smith, Betty Roll

Also: Bert Craig, Dan Regan, Jim Nett

Excused: Lisa Heck, Darlene McCoy, Vicki Waterbury

Absent: Patrick Oster, Mike Cundiff, Brad Denman

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

United Catholic Appeal 2016/2017 --- Information

Intention Weekend is this coming weekend. Going well. Father already has maybe 2/3 of pledge cards returned.

***Connected in the Spirit* --- Information**

Archbishop Tobin is now just Bishop Tobin for us. He is the Apostolic Administrator.

He cannot start anything new, but can finish what is already started. We need to pray for him daily and also pray for a new Archbishop.

Update on parish hall chairs

They came in, got a group to unload. Racks wouldn't fit through doorway, but adjustments were made and now all put away.

Update on Parish Brunch

Not really a brunch, but a heavy breakfast. "All About Taste" will cater. Betty will get menu and price from Jackie Colin. Maybe talk to Terri Sprigler about numbers. Set for Jan. 8, 2017.

Thank you letter from Evans Victor in Haiti

We got a thank you letter from him. We used outreach money to help. We paid half and Holy Family paid half of the tuition cost for his education as a Catholic School Principal.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry

Sharon's report:

All Saint's Day was October 30. The kids learned about saints and dressed up.

They are preparing for Advent and the Christmas season. Sharon said some Sundays they have a good turnout, and others it's low. She's not sure why.

Catholic Youth Ministry

Vicki's report:

We enjoyed working the Halloween party a few weeks ago! We had 6 youth help out with games and about 5 cars at the Trunk or Treat. I would love to get more cars and people involved with that, so am open to ideas. But it was fun and I don't think the little ones were disappointed by the minimum number of cars. I am looking to grow this into the scale that other churches do, but a dozen would make me happy!!!

Sunday, Nov. 6, a van full of us are traveling to Indy! Tim Book and I are taking up two youth from Starlight and 5 from Navilleton to ICYC – the Indiana Catholic Youth Conference. It will be a great re-charge for those that attended NCYC (on a much smaller scale). But I think it will be very neat for Genevieve Z. and Maddie Martin, since this is their first ever conference of any type! I am very excited for them!!

High School Faith Formation is going well. We had four kids last week, all freshman looking to be Confirmed next year. We watched a few short videos on prayer, talked about St. Teresa of Avila, and then discussed a bit on St. Meinrad, Mt. St. Francis, and other communities and schools in our area. Three of the four have not been to the Mount and asked for a field trip next month. I believe we will try this after attending the 8 am Mass here, and possibly ask a friar such as Fr. John Elmer or Fr. John Bamman to meet us there. That class is supposed to be on Nov. 20, but there is a breakfast here at St. John's, so I am planning on moving it to Nov. 13. On Dec. 4, Brother Bob Baxter is speaking at St. Mary's Navilleton Faith Formation classes about Advent. I would also like the high school youth to hear him. We will possibly take a field trip and join in on this session from 9:30 – 10:45. I will notify all of the high school parents, so they are aware and will make sure the kids don't miss Mass these Sundays with the alternate Faith Formation times.

Fr. Day has ordered and I am studying a "Living the Eucharist" study kit for Lent 2017! We think it will be a great program and I am excited to introduce it to the youth! It looks to be a weekly course, so I might need a few helper teachers on a few weekends that I have conflicts. I will invited all high school youth to this as well.

Now that it's November, I will start planning the next few months. One event we like to do is the Cookie Bake and Delivery at Ms. Ginny Balmer's house. I would appreciate any names of people that would be good for the youth to visit and leave a plate of cookies with. Please feel free to email me anyone you can think of. Usual visits are with elderly, homebound, recent widows/widowers.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry

Cathy's report:

100% attendance at last meeting.

The November Book of Remembrance is now on Mary's Altar.

Thanksgiving Mass will be Wednesday night at 7:00 pm. 75 loaves of bread have been ordered. Terri will bring the big basket for the bread.

The Penance Service will be on Dec. 18 at 1:00 pm.

Liturgy Reports:

Lectors – All workbooks for the lectors have been distributed.

Music – New song books will be distributed after Thanksgiving Eve Mass. The congregation will be invited to take the old Breaking Bread books home.

Altar Servers – Father reported that 4 new servers have come forward all because they saw Selby Pierce serve.

Offertory Gifts – Schedule for November is complete.

Next Liturgy meeting is December 6 at 7:00 pm.

Buildings and Grounds Ministry

Larry's report:

The school parking lot will be paved next week, should be Monday.

Working with the cemetery committee on proposal for cemetery.

They did away with adjoining lots @ \$250 each and they're \$300 each now.

Proposed Revision Cemetery Policy and Forms – Dan Regan

He gave us information to look over before next month. If we approve the revised form, Dan will take copies to all the monument companies in the area. Go online and compare old policy to this new one.

Finance Council

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$54,464.07 and the balance in the gaming account is approximately \$13,700.35.

The Finance Council met on October 27 and discussed the following issues:

-Reviewed and approved the latest Mass Stipend bank reconciliation;

-Reviewed and approved the first quarter financial report which was in the bulletin this past weekend;

-Reviewed the details of this year's UCA campaign. We currently have \$7,643.51 in rebate monies from prior year campaigns which we can use for outreach ministries;

-We currently have close to \$9,000 in memorial monies. The Council approved an expenditure of \$1,394 to purchase a new funeral pall and matching vestment. Also approved was the use of \$1,860 to cover the cost of this year's new hymnals;

-The group was made aware of the purchase of the new chairs and chair racks at a cost of \$8,276.58;

Fr. Day shared with the group that we have eleven (11) parishioners attending Providence High School.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2016.

Stewardship

Lisa not here, so no report.

What needs to be communicated?

Betty will follow up on menu and pricing for New Year's Brunch.
Cemetery Committee will be back next month.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

Sharon said the Aquinas Center is hosting an Advent Evening of Music at St. Mary's New Albany on December 9, at 7:00 pm. She has a flyer.

Next Executive meeting is December 6, 2016, at 6 pm.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 7 p.m.

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