

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
Minutes

December 13, 2016

**Welcome:** Bette, chairperson, welcomed all.

**Opening Prayer:** Father led us in the “Thanksgiving” prayer.

**Roll Call:** Father Day, Bette Buechler, Rita Smith, Tracy Martin, Larry Buechler, Merle Kruer, Sharon Schmidt, Leslie Smith, Darlene McCoy, Lisa Heck, Mike Cundiff, Patrick Oster, Brad Denman, Betty Roll Also: Dan Regan

**Excused:** Vicki Waterbury, Cathy Graninger

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Christ Our Hope Update**

Goal \$10,317. Currently at \$36,580. Father said we’ve been wonderfully successful. Our goal will probably be raised next year.

***Connected in the Spirit Update/On-hold***

On hold until we see what the new Archbishop wants to do.

**Baby Bottle Fundraising Report**

We raised \$2,059. We received a Thank You note from Mark Casper on behalf of St E’s Catholic Charities.

**Parish New Year Brunch**

Betty reported what all the menu will consist of from “All About Taste” catering. Betty will put sign-up sheets in church, put in bulletin, and Father will put in announcements. Lisa made a motion to pay for this brunch out of parish funds. Rita seconded. All approved.

**Parish New Year Brunch Set-Up**

Set up for brunch on Saturday, January 7, at 9:00 am.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **Catholic Faith Formation Ministry**

Sharon's report:

Faith Formation grades K-8 have one more class in December on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our student reconciliation was Sunday, December 11.

Practice for the Christmas Story for the Christmas Eve Mass is Dec. 20, at 6:30 pm.

January classes will begin January 15 (Sunday after the parish New Year's Brunch).

Also, one of our catechist, Tina Nash, is going on a mission trip to Haiti. She would like to take ribbons for the girls and Hot Wheels cars for the boys. She will be sharing her report with us when she gets back.

### **Catholic Youth Ministry**

Vicki's report: Vicki not here, report enclosed. Youth Ministry Schedule

#### **December 2016**

Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 9:30-10:45 High School Faith Formation with Bro. Bob Baxter on Advent at St. Mary's Navilleton Parish Hall

Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 1:00 pm. Penance Service 1:30-8:30 Deanery Basketball games! Please volunteer and help host! Additional BB games are January 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Wednesday, Dec. 21 @ 12-3 pm. Cookie Bake at Ginny Balmer's, then delivery.

#### **January 2017**

Sunday, Jan. 8 New Year Parish Brunch

Sunday, Jan. 15 @ 8:50 am. High School Faith Formation in Youth Room

Jan. 12-15 Senior Retreat at Mt. St. Francis (for those that don't attend Providence)

Register by Dec. 29

Jan. 26-29 March for Life trip in Washington D.C. If you aren't attending, please take time to pray for the Respect of ALL life and those attending the March in D.C.

Jan. 28-29 Freshman Retreat at Mt. St. Francis (register by Jan. 1)

### **Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry**

Cathy's report:

Everything is lined up for Christmas Masses. Decorating the church will be after the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

The Angel Tree gifts are due this Sunday.

Ronnie Sprigler donated the plastic jackets for the new Hymnals and Mass books.

### **Buildings and Grounds Ministry**

Cemetery Policy Revision & Forms Decision – Dan Regan reported after working in the cemetery, they noticed some issues. Got some input from local funeral providers and local parish cemeteries. Dan gave us a copy of new policies. We need to add: parish phone number under address at heading; Under Burial Lots, #4, changing the word legal "heir" to "representative"; Under Burial Conditions and Requirements, #3 and #5, after church secretary, add "or parish website" on both.

The perpetual care fee has been an issue in the past. After approval and ratification of these proposed Policies, it will be collected at time the plot is sold. We have about 219 lots left in our cemetery. Once approved and ratified by the Pastor, all policies will be published on the parish website.

#### Additional Paving/West Parish Hall Roadway

Larry's report:

New paving and striping is finished. There is a small gravel area that has now been sodded. The area from the gazebo down to pole will be blacktopped and it will be completed before our 2017 festival.

#### **Finance Council**

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$32,477.38 and the balance in the gaming account is approximately \$5,069.06.

The Finance Council met on November 22 and discussed the following issues:

- Updated the group on the status of the United Catholic Appeal;
- Advised the group that we have a caterer for the New Year's parish brunch but no cost estimates yet;
- Shared with the group the thank you note from Evans Victor who benefited from our donation to further his education in Haiti;
- Reviewed and approved the latest Mass Stipend bank reconciliation;
- Approved the use of \$1,800 from our UCA rebate monies (\$7815.39) to fund Tina Nash's trip to Haiti with Fr. Tom Clegg and his group from St. John Paul II next spring;
- Fr. Day shared the status of the Connected in the Spirit process, saying it is on hold until a new Archbishop is named;
- The Council members previewed the new funeral pall purchased with Memorial monies;
- Council members were made aware of the new Hymnals being put into service and the donation of covers for them by Ronnie Sprigler.

The New Albany Deanery assessment totals for St. John's have been received. The total assessment is \$36,069. This is made up of \$24,197 for Providence; \$5,930 for Youth Ministry; \$5,738 for Catechetical; and \$204 for Deanery Office Operations. This new assessment is down from the prior year. Prior year assessment was \$36,451, made up of \$24,455 for Providence; \$5,993 for Youth Ministry; \$5,799 for Catechetical; and \$204 for Deanery Office Operations.

For your information, we started taking a pew count in October to determine the number of participants at each of the Masses. For the period October 2 thru December 11, the average attendance at the 5 pm Mass was 80; at the 8 am Mass was 109; and at the 10 am Mass was 105. The average weekend attendance during this period was 294. This information will be helpful in determining Mass times once the Connected in the Spirit process is complete.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for December 27, 2016, and all were invited to attend.

## **Stewardship**

Lisa's report:

At last meeting, started a new Study Guide. Watched a small video, then answered questions and had group discussion.

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 29, at 7 pm.

## **What needs to be communicated?**

Betty will put sign-ups in church and put in bulletin about parish brunch.

## **Questions, Comments, Concerns**

Dan will be back regarding cemetery policies.

Libs will get back to us about the paving rest of parking lot.

Next Executive meeting is January 3, 2017, at 6 pm.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 7 p.m.

Father led us in closing prayer, "Catholic Charities Prayer".