

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Minutes

February 9, 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, Rita Smith, Lisa Heck, Mike Cundiff, Ryan Kruer, Stephanie Book, Vicki Waterbury, and Patrick Oster

Excused: Marlin Andres, Cathy Graninger, Merle Kruer and Betty Roll

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

United Catholic Appeal Results [\$33,850]

Father thanked everyone. Our goal has been exceeded 328%. Our goal will increase next year. [See the Finance Council for explanation of this increase].

Request for Parish Hall/Spring Tea/Friday, May 13, 2016

Lisa made a motion. Bette seconded. All approved.

Request for Parish Hall/Relay for Life Breakfast/Ginny Balmer March 20, 2016

Lisa made a motion. Bette seconded. All approved.

Marie’s Ministry Community Distribution Center Update

Bette said they ended up with a team of nine and they did their first ministry training and they had five walk-ins the day of training. First Tuesday of the month is St. Johns’ day. Bette made a request for baby wipes as they did not have any available the day they were there. Bette asked if we could put some boxes at the entrances of the Church. Father suggested to put an initial announcement in the bulletin and go from there. Father said we could use some Ministry Outreach funds to help support the cause. Lisa suggested we try it out for the first month and see how many we get from the parish and if it doesn’t go over well then we can consider using the Ministry Outreach funds. Bette will contact Paulette Kruer to place this information in the bulletin.

Strawberry Festival Update

Bette said the first meeting is March 2, 2016. Licenses and applications have been submitted, they are now waiting for the permit numbers. They do have a quilt for the raffle and almost all chairpersons have confirmed they are going to chair the same positions. Bette said we may have to rent a tent unless the one(s) we have can be put up safely. Bette and Damon are attending a Charity and Gaming seminar this Friday as there may be some changes - more to come. The date for the festival is Saturday, May 28, 2016.

Connected in the Spirit Update

Your parish Core Team (Father Day, Merle Kruer, Bette Buechler, Ryan Kruer, and Jim Book, Jr.) attended a Cohort training session at St. Mary of Lanesville on February 3 to begin the process of working together planning for the future. Parishes from the New Albany and Tell City Deanery began the exciting process of determining where we can collaborate with other parishes to enhance the vibrancy of parish life and fulfill the mission of Church. Our Cohort Team is made up of: St. Mary, Navilleton; St. Mary of the Knobs; and St. John, Starlight. In addition to discussion and sharing, there was assurance from both The Reid Group and Archdiocese that all planning is being done at the local level - nothing has been pre-determined. Cohorts Teams will have plenty of time to evaluate their unique qualities and make team decisions together to make sure we are doing our best to serve our communities and to serve God. Your Cohorts Team will be meeting February 17 to share parish data with one another, and review the first area of criteria for planning, which is the Sacramental Life of Parish. Our accomplishments will not be from what we do, but from what God has done! Please pray for us that by being “Connected in the Spirit” we will grow and be stronger in our faith and communities.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry - Sharon Schmidt

Sharon said they started preparations for Lent. We made Alleluia banners then had a small ceremony putting them away until Easter.

Catholic Youth Ministry – Vicki Waterbury

Old Business:

- The Table of Plenty was cancelled due to a water line breaking. So, we held an impromptu burrito making venture in the St. John’s kitchen with other youth from St. Mary’s Navilleton. We made 160 breakfast burritos. They are frozen and will be warmed up for delivery on Feb. 13.
- The basketball season is over! Thanks to Tim Book for coaching another fun year. We had a very light attendance at practice and most games.

Upcoming youth events:

- Senior retreats are approaching. Grace Missi is attending her Senior retreat at Mt. St. Francis Feb. 11-14, and Olivia Lucas is attending her retreat through Providence Feb. 16-19.
- Fish Fries are starting up, Feb. 12. We plan to have a group there every night to help clean tables and trays, and whatever else is needed.
- We are hosting volleyball at St. John’s Feb. 7 & 14. Games will be held from 2:00PM – 6:00PM.
- There is a Middle School Jamboree at St. Anthony on Feb. 27. I will be sending middle school youth info regarding this opportunity and encouraging them to attend.
- St. Mary’s Navilleton is hosting the last Youth Mass of the year Feb. 28, followed by pizza and dodgeball in the gym. I hope to get a good size group of Starlight kids there for Mass and celebration also!

- Last year we did the Shanty Town experience and we have done a food fest at Navilleton and we are going to do a culmination of both on March 4 this year. Youth from St. Mary's of the Knobs will also be joining us. It will be held at Navilleton but we may have a meal and Mass here at St. John.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry - Cathy Graninger

Meeting was held on February 2 with all members attending.

Items discussed:

Lent begins February 10 with Ash Wednesday. Ashes and Rice Bowls will be distributed. Evening Mass on Ash Wednesday is at 7:00PM. An evening Lenten Mass will be celebrated on Mondays of Lent at 7:00PM with an Adult Education Class to follow. Catching Fire, Becoming Flame is the topic of the six sessions held in Church right after Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be also held each Friday during Lent at 4:30PM with the Fish Fry to follow. The Communal Penance Service is set for Sunday, March 20 at 4:00PM.

Reports:

1. Decorations: Decorating for Easter will most likely take place on Holy Saturday morning. More information about the time will follow next month.
2. Eucharistic Ministers: Two new ministers, Ryan Renn and Matthew Vick are now trained and ready for scheduling
3. Lectors: trying to meet with a possible new lector. Request was made for purchasing Prayer Books for Lectors. Father approved and will make the order.
4. Ushers: no report
5. Music: Request was made for practice CD's of new music. This will help the choir in learning the hymns in our new books. Father approved.
6. Sacristans: Two new altar cloths were made by Diane Bower.
7. Altar Servers: No new servers until First Communion. We have a group of six making First Communion this year.
8. Offertory Gifts: Schedule is finished up to the end of February.

Next meeting will be March 1, all are welcome.

Buildings and Grounds Ministry - Larry Buechler

No report

Finance Council - Merle Kruer

The balance in the general account is approximately \$56,610 and the balance in the festival account is \$22,820.08. The Finance Council met on January 26th as scheduled. At this meeting the following discussion and actions were taken.

- Brought the group up to date on the UCA pledge information from the Archdiocese which reflected pledges of \$32,350 which was 314% of our goal;
- Fr. Day discussed the changes in the UCA goal for future periods. It will be increased to \$23,317 in increments over the next three years. The goal will be based on a percentage of the 3-year average of our Sunday and Holy Day collections;
- The latest Mass Stipend bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved;

- Merle reported that we currently have \$9,587.75 in UCA rebates which we can use for outreach ministries here in the parish;
- Merle also reported that we have \$8,151.12 in our ADLF Memorial Fund. The group voted to use \$1,857 of this amount to cover the cost of the new hymnals;
- The group was brought up to date on the Connected in The Spirit process;
- The second quarter financial report to the parish was reviewed and approved. It was included in the bulletin this past weekend;
- The group reviewed a preliminary copy of the results of the Internal Control Review performed by Monroe Shine. Upon receipt of the final copy the Finance Council, along with Dottie and Fr. Day will formulate our responses to the issues raised. This may require input from other groups or committees.

The issue of new flooring for the parish residence kitchen and laundry room was raised subsequent to the latest Finance Council meeting. However, it was discussed by the Finance Council via email. The existing flooring is carpeting which is showing wear and is not conducive to a kitchen or laundry room, therefore Fr. would prefer to have vinyl flooring installed. After discussion among the Finance Council, Fr. Day procured bids from Odell Andres (\$2,943.27) and Henry Andres (\$3,323.83). Both are doing basically the same work however Henry suggested using a new type of vinyl which he feels is a superior product but is a little more expensive. Fr. liked this product best so the Finance Council voted to accept Henry's bid. It will be brought before the Parish Council for their vote and ratification.

Patrick made motion to accept the Finance Council's findings for the flooring. Lisa made motion. All approved.

The next Finance Council meeting was scheduled for February 23, 2016 and all were invited to attend.

Stewardship - Lisa Heck

The directory is complete and in the Church to pick up. Lisa said they will meet this month.

What needs to be communicated?

Bette Buechler –

- Baby wipes collection/donation boxes to be put at the entrances of the Church for Marie's Ministry Community Distribution Center
- Strawberry Festival Kick-Off Meeting information

Next Executive meeting is March 1, 2016, at 6:00PM.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 7:00PM.

Father led us in closing prayers.