

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
Minutes

March 8, 2016

**Welcome:** Ryan, chairperson, 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, Ryan Kruer, Betty Roll

**Excused:** Stephanie Book, Patrick Oster, Vicki Waterbury, and Marlin Andres

**Approval of Minutes:** One correction was the breakfast on March 20 was for the S.A.D.D. Chapter at Providence High School and not the Relay for Life. Bette made motion to approve minutes. Lisa seconded. All approved.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**United Catholic Appeal/Christ Our Hope Results**

Our appeal was very successful --- \$33,850.

**Marie's Ministry Community Distribution Center**

Bette reported it is going well. We have a new team member, Sharon Russell, to make ten people on our team. Bette will take the baby wipes from church to Marie's. They are open on Tuesdays. It takes at least four people to run it smoothly.

***Connected in the Spirit* update**

Merle reported they met with the cohorts. Finalized one section of documents. Next meeting is Saturday, March 19. They have a lot of papers to fill out. It's a year-long process. The cohorts take turns hosting the meetings.

**Strawberry Festival Committee report**

Bette reported there was a meeting on March 2. The raffle tickets and rack cards are being made. We have all permits and licenses. Most chair people are back. Bette showed the festival quilt, made by Judy Kruer, quilted by Holy Family group. The next festival meeting will be May 2, with emails in between. She asked that everyone pray for good weather.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **Catholic Faith Formation Ministry**

Sharon's report:

Attendance has been good. The First Communion class has received their banner packets. One has already been completed and brought back.

We will be having classes the Sunday before Easter (Palm Sunday) and the Sunday after Easter even though it's still part of spring break.

If you happen to see Tracy Martin, please thank her for her help with our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

### **Catholic Youth Ministry**

Vicki's report:

The winter season of sports is almost complete. We only have one more weekend of volleyball. They have been terrific this year and have won many games. But most importantly they have had fun and had a great attitude with themselves and the other teams. On Monday, April 18, the Youth Ministers in the deanery along with the Deanery office are meeting and working on cumulative goal on what deanery athletics and events should be. We will also make dates and plans for next year.

Confirmation is getting closer! We are in our final months of Confirmation preparation and the kids are great! We have had wonderful attendance in class, however, I would like to see them participate more at Fish Frys. I have had two of the five able to help thus far, due to their busy schedules. We have added a Rite of Enrollment Blessing at the 8:00 am Mass on April 24 and a final prayer service here at St. John's on Wednesday, May 4. Confirmation is on Saturday, May 14 at OLPH at 11 am.

Shanty Town 2016 is scheduled for March 25 and 26. It will start at St. Mary of the Knobs, then proceed onto St. Mary's Navilleton for the Shanty Village build and living. We have a guest coming to speak to the youth about her life on the street and living in homeless shelters with her daughters. Now they live in New Albany and her daughters go to Presentation in Louisville. We hope this will be an eye opening experience for the kids. Saturday we will fill the morning with service work in our community.

We have scheduled a Senior recognition Mass on Saturday, April 16, at 5 pm. Fr. Day and I plan to take the five seniors and parents for pizza following Mass. This group of seniors has been great and I will be sad to see them go.

I am taking applications and interest in summer events such as One Bread One Cup and also the Wolfe Pack Mission trip. Both are great opportunities for high school youth. Summer Daze has been scheduled for the middle school youth, on three Tuesdays in June.

## **Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry**

Cathy's report:

They met last Tuesday, all present. Monday Masses and Way of the Cross have had good attendance. Father gave information about upcoming Holy Thursday Mass. He asked if everyone was ok with washing of the feet and explained the process.

New Eucharistic Ministers are: Jeanne Schmidt, Matt Vick, and Ryan Renn.

New usher: Steve Bowe

New lectors: Cindy Bowe, Sam Kruer, and Duane Kruer

We'll get new servers after First Communion.

The Liturgy Committee is ready for Easter.

We have new disks and box of CDs for 98% of the Breaking Bread songs.

Father said Denise Corley wants to go to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Indianapolis this year to assist in picking up the Oils blessed for use in the Parish.

## **Buildings and Grounds Ministry**

Larry's report:

An electrical socket circuit was overloaded and burned. Star Electric repaired it and put in new receptacle box. The freezer was fine, it tripped the breaker, so that saved it.

Steve Smith said the contractor will be coming to fix the lightning rod on Church and the siding on the steeple

Father said the new flooring for rectory kitchen and laundry room will soon be installed.

## **Finance Council**

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$76,356.02 and the balance in the festival account is \$23,660.08.

The Finance Council did not meet in February therefore there was nothing further to report. The next meeting is March 22 and all are invited to attend.

## **Stewardship**

Lisa's report:

The meeting last month talked about studying the *Poverty at the Crossroads* document issued by the Bishops of Indiana. The next meeting will be the end of March.

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

The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 26 at 10 am.

Next Executive meeting is April 5, 2016, at 6 pm.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 7 p.m.

Father led us in closing prayers.