

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

May 10, 2016

Welcome: Father and Marlin 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, Stephanie Book, Marlin Andres, Cathy Graninger, Patrick Oster, Vicki Waterbury, Betty Roll

Excused: Merle Kruer, Ryan Kruer, and Mike Cundiff

Approval of Minutes: Cathy made motion to approve minutes with a presented minor change in the Stewardship Report section. Bette seconded. All approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Connected in the Spirit Report

Father shared the Recommendations submitted by Our Cohort to the Archdiocesan Planning Committee.

Strawberry Festival Committee Report

Bette said they had a meeting May 2nd. All is going well. The second bulletin memo will be going out this weekend. All signs/yard signs are out and have been distributed.

We open at 8:00AM and Bette emphasized that everyone (individuals who are manning booths) needs to be open at that time. The choir will sing at 10AM.

After Mass on Wednesday, May 25th the slaw-making will be taking place. We have a few new booths this year. We are also now accepting Little Miss and Mr. Shortcake Contest submissions. We are still working with the tent company as to day and time they will be set-up. We are going to have a different layout of where the table and chair's tent and the beer garden tent is going to be located this year. (Bette shared a mockup of where the tents will be placed).

Sponsor signs - to thank our sponsors we are going to put signs (Bette shared) in the gymnasium and we will be listing and announcing all donors at the gazebo.

Next year's raffle tickets need to change to "St. John's Parish" instead of "St. John's School". The address needs to be corrected on the Strawberry Festival rack card handout as well.

Bette shared the pricing of the "strawberry" goods for sale, i.e. strawberry shortcake, etc., and asked for continued prayers for good weather.

Planning Team for Tom McCartin Memorial Parade/Cookout

[Rosie McCartin; Melvin Rosenberger; J. Rowan & G. Sprigler]

Father suggested we should probably discuss this since this has been a recurring event. Bette said she would be happy to follow up with the names above who headed-up this event in 2015.

Nomination Committee for Parish Pastoral Council Elections

[Ryan Kruer, Marlin Andres & Stephanie Book]

Father said nominations needs to be in by the second week of June. Each Executive Committee person should submit two nominees and elicit short bio's for distribution the week before Election weekend.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry - Sharon Schmidt

We had beautiful days for Saturday's practice and Sunday's First Communion. Thank you for your prayers.

Our last class was the May crowning on Sunday, May 1st. We were blessed with a stoppage in the rain to hold the ceremony outside at Mary's grotto. Coffee and Donuts after 8:00AM Mass were a bit hit!

This year's catechists and I are meeting in the school building on Sunday, May 22, to clean up the classrooms and put away things so we'll be able to find them later when classes begin again.

The Reverend Richard M. Smith Memorial Scholarship forms are in the back of church. There are two scholarships. One for a registered member of St. John's parish that will be attending the 7th grade at a New Albany Deanery school this fall and one for a registered member of St. John's parish that will be attending 9th grade at Our Lady of Providence this fall. Deadline to return the application is June 20, 2016.

Catholic Youth Ministry - Vicki Waterbury

This Saturday, May 14, 5 young candidates from St. John's will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at OLPH! Ethan Kruer, Sam Kruer, Mariel Nash, Peter Lonnemann, and Molly Koetter have been preparing all winter and I feel they are prepared. Tomorrow, on Wednesday, May 11, we will have a practice and walk through at OLPH at 7 pm. Then on June 1, 6:30-7:30, we will have one last gathering, a Confirmation Follow-up!!! "Where do you go from here?" We will use this time to introduce them to the ministries here at St. John's that they will hopefully participate in.

Also, this Thursday, May 12, is the CYM Deanery Awards Ceremony at Mt. St. Francis. Seniors receiving awards from our parish are: Grace Missi, Brandon Lacy, Nicole Kruer, and Olivia Lucas. A few of them applied for the deanery scholarships, so hopefully one or more are successful at receiving one!

And of course, we have youth signing up to help at the Strawberry Festival at the end of the month. We are still looking for youth to fill the remaining spots at the drink booth 3-6:00 pm.

I am scheduling service projects and inviting middle school youth to participate in Summer Daze this summer. It is a service/social event, running three Tuesdays in a row, June 14, 21, & 28. We start at 9:30 with prayer, then report to do some service work, eat their sack lunch, then join the deanery youth for social fun time at either Hoosier Bowling Lanes, Golf Shores Fun Center, or River Run Water Park. I am looking for a parent to help as a chaperone, and an individual to help lead 2 days, as I have a conflict with a trip to One Bread One Cup June 14, and a planned vacation on June 28 with my family. If you know of someone that would work well with middle schoolers, please let me know! I will have everything planned and arranged.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry – Cathy Graninger

We met last Tuesday. We will be saying the rosary before mass for the month of May.

A new Wedding Ritual Book will be in place by the end of the year; more information to come.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. There will be a *Sequence*, and added song following the Second Reading at the Masses for this Feast.

No meeting next month; we will come back and meet in July.

Buildings and Grounds Ministry - Larry Buechler

Larry Stumler came up and has been working on updating the wiring inside and out at the parish hall/.

We get our fire extinguishers checked every May. Care Security came out and checked all extinguishers, some had to be replaced and recharged. The only one they could not inspect was the one in the kitchen above the hood. We still need to have someone come out and inspect that one. Larry is working on getting someone here to take care of it. We need to make sure we have one of the large extinguishers in the kitchen and one outside by the grills during the festival; we will rent those again this year for the festival. There are about eight old fire extinguishers where the ice machine is located. Larry asked what we should do with them. Father suggested we get rid of them.

The lightning rod has been fixed on the steeple, and the crack in the exterior block is being repaired.

There has been leaves and blooms cluttering the gutter by the handicap entrance. Steve Smith came over and cleaned these. Larry looked into fixing this problem and he said Koetter Construction would come out twice a year and inspect and remove any debris and make any roof repairs necessary and the cost estimate for that is \$250 per visit. Father suggested that we should go ahead and sign up for the service.

The Annual Asbestos Training Session will take place again at St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, again this year. Larry plans to attend.

Finance Council - Merle Kruer

The balance in the general account is approximately \$71,695.00 and the balance in the festival account is approximately \$25,995.00.

The Finance Council met on April 26th. At that time the following topics and discussions took place.

- Shared with the group the latest report on the UCA pledges from our parish which now total \$33,950. Also, our goal for this fall's UCA is \$10,317 which is the same as last year. Any parish overage will be allocated as last year also – 25% to Home Missions; 50% to UCA; and 25% to parish.
- Updated the group on the Connected in the Spirit process and provided a copy of the Cohort Team #8 recommendation. The Cohort recommended the partnership model for our three parishes.
- Reviewed and approved the latest Mass stipend bank reconciliation which reflected a balance of \$4,330.
- Reviewed and approved the third quarter financial report which was included with the bulletin the weekend of April 30th.
- Approved the budgeting of \$6,000 for tuition assistance for fiscal year 2016-2017. This was necessary since more parishioners are taking advantage of the tuition policy (parish covers difference between in-parish and out-of-parish tuition).

The Finance Council is in the process of preparing the budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. In conjunction with the budgeting process we need to prepare the Projected Three-Year Capital Expenditure Budget. We will duplicate last year's Capital Budget unless we need to add the expense of building or remodeling one of our buildings for storing the Festival booths, etc. This decision is up to the Parish Pastoral Council. A copy of the prior year Capital Budget was shared with the Parish Council for their review.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for May 24th and all were invited to attend.

Stewardship - Lisa Heck

We had our meeting and we had our second session for our study of Poverty *at the Crossroads* document prepared by the Bishop of Indiana.

What needs to be communicated?

Next Executive meeting is June 7, 2016, 6:00PM. Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is June 14, 2016, 7:00PM.

Father led us in closing prayers.