

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

## Minutes

June 14, 2016

**Welcome:** Father and Ryan welcomed all.

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

**Roll Call:** Father Day, Larry Buechler, Bette Buechler, Rita Smith, Lisa Heck, Stephanie Book, Cathy Graninger, Betty Roll, Merle Kruer, John Rowan, and Ryan Kruer

**Excused:** Patrick Oster, Vicki Waterbury, Mike Cundiff, Tracy Martin, and Sharon Schmidt

**Absent:** Marlin Andres

**In attendance:** Guest, John Rowan, Co-chair of 38<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festival

**Approval of Minutes:** Cathy made a motion to approve minutes with the changes presented. Lisa seconded. All approved.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### *Connected in the Spirit* Report

Nothing new to report; the Archdiocesan Planning Committee met and reviewed the Cohort Report we submitted. No response to our parishes at this time.

#### **Available Updates on Strawberry Festival**

Bette said Damon and Dottie are getting all the figures together. It does look like we are going to possibly have another record year. Everything went well. Bette plans to co-chair again and John Rowan indicated that he would also co-chair again. A post meeting will take place at some point after the figures were in. Bette did say that going forward any changes or suggestions regarding the festival need to be made before February before the next festival.

John said he received quite a few suggestions saying they liked the idea of having a band. The problem is the bands want to be paid and we prefer to have free entertainment.

#### **Plans for July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade & Festival Workers' Thank You Party**

Bette reached out to Rosie and they decided they would have it on Sunday, July 3rd at 1:00P.M. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. There will be something in the bulletin.

Father would like to have a sub-committee specifically for the care of the cemetery grounds. Father said there are so many exceptions and we need someone to stay on top of it. Dottie fields most of the many questions and concerns for information. E.g., Policy for burying of Cremains and how to install Veteran's Plaques. Father would like to nominate Dan Reagan to chair the committee. Father said the policy needs to be redone every three years and we are getting to that point. Lisa made a motion to approve the cemetery sub-committee. Merle made a second. All approved.

## **Biographies of Nominees for PPC for June 18 & 19 Weekend Masses**

Nominees:

Tammy Stewart

Peggy Koetter (tentative)

Darlene McCoy

Leslie Smith

Tony Balmer

Brad Denman

## **Ballots for Voting at the June 25 & 26 Weekend Masses**

### **COMMISSION REPORTS**

#### **Catholic Faith Formation Ministry - Sharon Schmidt**

Nothing to report.

#### **Catholic Youth Ministry - Vicki Waterbury**

Nothing to report.

#### **Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry – Cathy Graninger**

Nothing to report.

#### **Buildings and Grounds Ministry - Larry Buechler**

Larry reported that we had two large extinguishers at the grills at the festival and they were donated and the company who provided them said they would continue to donate them going forward for the festival. There will be no charge if they are not used.

Paving of the Parish Hall parking lot --- Father said we have to hold off due to the building moratorium. Until we get the results of the *Connected in the Spirit* we cannot proceed.

Removal of Spruce Tree between Church & Office --- Father said Mark mentioned the tree has about five different fungi and we should consider getting it removed and have someone grind the stump. John said he would ask Larry Martin for advice on who might cut it down and removed it. Merle is going to see if Dwayne Kruer would be willing to use his stump grinder.

John and Larry are going to look into getting some stripping done to indicate a sidewalk on the newly paved road in front of Church and possibly the restriping of the East Church parking lot.

Betty Roll asked if tent could be used from her daughter's (Jamie Roll – a Parishioner) wedding next to the Parish Hall entrance and whether they could use the white tables in the tent. Betty said they would be covered and in the tent and on the school property. Lisa made a motion, Merle seconded. All approved.

Betty Roll also said Ginnie Balmer mentioned we need new chairs, or we need to go through and get rid of the ones that are in bad condition and purchase new ones as needed.

### **Finance Council - Merle Kruer**

The balance in the general account is approximately \$136,758.60 and the balance in the festival account is approximately \$40,409.74.

The Finance Council met on May 24th. At that time the budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 was finalized. It was forwarded to the Archdiocese on June 8<sup>th</sup> well ahead of the June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The final budget totaled \$273,710.63. A copy of the consolidated budget sent to the Archdiocese was shared with the Parish Council members.

Also at this meeting the Finance Council approved the use of \$7,200 of our UCA rebate monies (\$9,791.50) to assist with the education of the principal of St. Louis School in Novion, Haiti. This request came from Fr. Tom Clegg, Pastor of St. John Paul II parish. Since this qualifies as an outreach ministry the Finance Council felt that this was a good and appropriate use of these funds.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for June 28th and all were invited to attend.

### **Stewardship - Lisa Heck**

Lisa said the committee did not meet in May but they will continue their education this month.

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

Next Executive meeting is July 5, 2016, 6:00PM. Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is July 12, 2016, 7:00PM.

Father led us in closing prayers.