

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

July 12, 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, Betty Roll, Merle Kruer, Vicki Waterbury, Mike Cundiff, Tracy Martin, Darlene McCoy, Ryan Kruer, and Brad Denman

Excused: Marlin Andres, Cathy Graninger, Patrick Oster, Sharon Schmidt, and Leslie Smith

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Completion/Accuracy of Roster Information

Election of Officers for 2016-2017

Chair - Bette Buechler

Vice Chair - Rita Smith

Secretary - Betty Roll

All approved.

Feedback on July 4th Parade & Thank You Gathering

Had a good turnout, good food, and the weather cooperated so we were able to have the parade.

“Connected in the Spirit” Update

Merle, Bette, Ryan, Jim Book Jr., and Father Day met with St. Mary’s Navilleton, and St. Mary’s of the Knobs Core Team(s) as Cohort # 8 and put together a proposal for a Partnership of the three parishes. The Archdiocesan Planning Committee has responded to our first proposal and want more feedback from us. Our Core Team needs to get together to prepare our feedback and then there needs to be a meeting with the Cohort Parishes to discuss how and when to make the communication with our parishes making sure there is an accurate and consistent message made simultaneous in each of the parishes.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry - Sharon Schmidt

The Schedule for classes and events for the year 2016-2017 is prepared.

There are two Father Richard Smith Memorial Scholarships - one to a 6th grade student going into 7th grade and the other is to an 8th grade student going into the 9th grade at Our Lady of Providence, our Deanery Catholic Jr/Sr High School. We have no 8th grade applicants this year, but we have two 7th grade applicants. Since there are no 8th grade applicants we will be awarding this year these two scholarships to the two 7th grade applicants.

Catholic Youth Ministry - Vicki Waterbury

Summer is almost over - crazy!! Most of the kids will return back to school in two weeks. June was very busy with Summer Daze and One Bread, One Cup.

Summer Daze: We had 9 middle school youth from St. John's involved with this service project lasted for three Tuesdays in June, and two high school youth help as leaders. Also, special thanks to Leslie Smith who helped as a leader and driver on two Tuesdays, Jim and Sherri Book for letting us use their van! We would not have been able to have this program without their assistance.

We joined St. Mary's Navilleton and St. Mary's of the Knobs and worked at Mt. St. Francis, St. Mary's of the Knobs School, and St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities for about three hours each day. Then they had their sack lunch and played Hoosier Strike and Spare, Golf Shores Fun Center, and the River Run water park for a few hours. The youth did chores such as pulling weeds, moving furniture, painting furniture, cleaning, organizing, washing windows, etc. They all enjoyed it and were so well behaved! Such a great group of kids!

One Bread, One Cup: I attended OBOC at St. Meinrad last month for a week with my daughter and now I see why Brandon Lacy, Grace Missi, Olivia Lucas, and Nicole Kruer loved this program and always wanted to return. Last week St. John's sent Gabe Schmidt, Sharon's Schmidt's grandson, attended with youth, middle and high school. I see youth participate in service and parish activities. And we will keep this happening. However, I want to start a prayer focused gathering with the youth on a monthly basis. Here we will uncover different types of prayer and help them to be sure and carve out time.

Also, in the works, I will be starting another St. John's Youth planning team. I have a few youth in mind to get it started but will invite any youth interested to help us out. I am also the lead person in the deanery working on a back to school bash at Mt. St. Francis on August 21, called Sloppy Sunday. It geared for Middle School youth and it is more of a messy, fun time for the youth. I will probably ask for high school youth to help assist us.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry – Cathy Graninger

We met this month but there is not a lot of planning at this time of our Liturgical Year.

Status of newly Confirmed in the roles - we have a few new Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Choir member(s). Father said he also has four new altar servers from this year's First Communion Class.

Buildings and Grounds Ministry - Larry Buechler

Removal of the spruce tree estimates - Eager Beaver \$750, cut, remove, and grind the stump; other company wants \$1200, but they would fill the area with topsoil and re-seed.

Lisa made a motion to accept the Eager Beaver proposal. Merle seconded. All approved.

Last month Larry went to the annual required Asbestos Training seminar at St. Augustine, Jeffersonville.

Father, John, and Larry met with Jeff Libs about the striping for the Church parking lot. He is going to give us quotes on sealing, repaving and re-striping.

Father shared the letter he sent to Dan Regan, Jim Nett, and Bert Craig. They have done a lot of work in our cemetery and they have corrected mistakes on our records. If you see them, thank them for what they have done. We are requesting that they review our current Cemetery Policy that is due for revision in 2017 and submit this revision to the Parish Pastoral Council for approval and implementation.

Finance Council - Merle Kruer

The balance in the general account is approximately \$61,317.48 and the balance in the festival account is approximately \$30,587.54.

The Finance Council did not meet in June, however, via email the Finance Council approved the purchase of a color copier at the cost of \$3,000. Our current copier is several years old and does not make color copies. They are giving us \$400 for the old one since it is only good for parts. Since the parish needs to make color copies periodically throughout the year we felt that this was a worthwhile expense. There will be an annual maintenance fee just as there is with the current copier. We are currently paying \$1,000 per year. The new fee should be a little more since the amount is based on the number of copies and the cost per copy. Black and White copies are \$0.01 each and color copies are \$0.06 each.

The annual report for fiscal year 2015-2016, ending June 30th, is due to the Archdiocese by September 15th. The Finance Council is getting the information together for this report.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for July 26th and all are invited to attend.

Stewardship - Lisa Heck

Lisa said they had a meeting and prayed the Prayers of Week 3 of *Poverty at the Cross Roads*. We had a discussion that we do not see the poverty here since we live in the country but it made us aware of the face of poverty in many of our larger cities. Father has picked out our next study guide - *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. We welcome others to join our meetings.

What needs to be communicated?

Next Executive meeting is August 2, 2016, 6:00PM. Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is August 9, 2016, 7:00PM.

Father led us in closing prayers.