

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes

August 9, 2016

Welcome: Bette, chairperson, welcomed all.

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

Roll Call: Father Day, Bette Buechler, Rita Smith, Tracy Martin, Darlene McCoy, Brad Denman, Leslie Smith, Mike Cundiff, Betty Roll, Sharon Schmidt, Cathy Graninger, Merle Kruer, Lisa Heck, Larry Buechler

Excused: Patrick Oster, Vicki Waterbury

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

United Catholic Appeal/Christ Our Hope 2016/2017

Our goal is the same as last year, \$10,317. Intention weekend will be Saturday/Sunday, November 12/13. Father Day hopes that we can exceed this goal again this year!

***Connected in the Spirit* update**

Merle reported our parish core team met with the cohort last Saturday. We drafted a shared response to the preliminary recommendations from the Archdiocese. The final response will be published in our bulletins on the weekend of August 27/28. There will be three town hall meetings: Monday, August 29 @ St. Mary of the Knobs; Tuesday, August 30 @ St. Mary Navilleton and Wednesday, August 31 here @ St. John's Starlight. The cohort team members will be at all three meetings.

Post Strawberry Festival update

The financial report of festival was in the bulletin last weekend. There will be a post festival meeting next Tuesday August 16th. It was our most successful fund-raising festival ever.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry

Sharon's report:

Registration for classes K-8 will be Sunday, August 21. Classes are 8:50-9:50 am on Sundays. We are always needing catechists/teachers. Three of the catechists are going to attend the Aquinas Center's In Service Morning on Saturday, August 20. One of the programs is on Bullying. Next week, we will be preparing our classrooms to begin.

Catholic Youth Ministry

Vicki's submitted written report:

This past Sunday, was really a kick-off in our Youth Ministry group in a few ways. First, I met with high school youth and we started planning out the next few months. I shared some of my ideas and they gave me some of theirs.

Later on the same day, I joined Jennifer at the Catholic Youth Ministry office in gathering college age youth together before everyone started parting ways. I got to see a couple of St. John's college youth and share with them the new Barnabas program we are starting this year. But most importantly, they got to share with one another where they were going to school and who else was going to be there. I heard a lot of them talking about which Mass they go to and also setting up ride-share options for Mass and other events they attend at the parish on campus.

I would like to implement a program called the Barnabas program. I am gathering information from the college kiddos, and I would share that info with parish volunteers that would like to be a Barnabas. A "Barnabas" person would send encouraging notes, reminder of Holy Days, small college care packages to them, and keep them in prayer throughout the school year. Then in May or whenever they return from college, they would reveal who their Barnabas was. It is just another way we can help keep them connected to their home parish and their faith! You will see info on this in the bulletin! Also, this is for any college student, home or away.

I am also helping coordinate a deanery event at Mt. St. Francis for Middle Schoolers called "Sloppy Sunday". It is August 21, 5-7 pm. I have asked high school youth to help be leaders as well. It should be a great time and a messy kick-off for the middle school youth ministry year!

Finally, I will start focusing energy on coordinating a Faith Formation class for high school youth, especially those that want to be Confirmed next year. I am reviewing materials for an engaging program and also need to find the best available time. We should have a handful of youth attending this year.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry

Cathy's report:

Cathy said they didn't meet, so no report. Father reported there is a wedding here on October 1, but they're non-parishioners.

Buildings and Grounds Ministry

Larry's report:

The church parking lot was sealed and striped - \$3,100. (more info in Finance Report)
Eager Beaver took out the spruce tree and bill has been paid.

Finance Council

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$49,934.49 and the balance in the festival account is approximately \$25,295.10.

The Finance Council met on July 26. At this meeting the following items were addressed:

The latest Mass stipend bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved. It reflected a balance of \$3,810.

The proposals from Libs Paving Co. were reviewed, discussed, and approved. The total of all projects is \$30,100. The group felt that the current cash flow could handle this expense without withdrawing funds from our ADLF account.

\$4,292.63 in COH rebate monies was received on June 1. This brings our total rebate monies on hand to \$6884.13. These funds are designated for outreach ministries.

The fourth quarter financial report was briefly reviewed. It is being finalized and should be issued to the parish in the near future.

Merle contacted Libs Paving and spoke with Jeff Libs – the sealing and striping were done last Monday, and the rest will not be until October or November. The bid to re-pave the west side school parking lot will be \$23,400; to add additional paving for the festival tent area will be \$2,800. We are waiting on the county to stripe the road in front of church before Libs will paint parking spots for \$800. Lisa made motion to approve these expenditures proposed by the Finance Council. Betty seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Stewardship

Lisa's report:

We met last month and reviewed the second to last chapter on Poverty in Indiana. The Criterion contacted us and we will have an article in a future Criterion.

September 22 is the Stewardship Training @ Holy Family.

What needs to be communicated?

The *Connected in the Spirit* cohort's response to the Archdiocesan Planning Commission will be published in our bulletins on the weekend of August 27/28. There will be three town hall meetings: Monday, August 29 @ St. Mary of the Knobs; Tuesday, August 30 @ St. Mary Navilleton and Wednesday, August 31 here @ St. John's Starlight.

Next Executive meeting is September 6, 2016, at 6 pm.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 7 p.m.

Father led us in closing prayers, "Jubilee Year of Mercy".