

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes

January 10, 2017

Welcome: Bette, chairperson, welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Father led us in the prayer, "*Catholic Charities Prayer*".

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Cemetery Policies

Bette went over the changes/additions to the proposed Cemetery Policy. Everyone should have received an email with these changes. Lisa made motion to accept policy with changes. Rita seconded. All approved. Effective date is today, January 10, 2017. Ratified by Father Day, today, January 10, 2017. Dan Regan will contact Dustin Wilcox to update our website. This new Policy will be inserted in the Jan. 22 bulletin to inform our parishioners.

Parish New Year Brunch Report

We had a good crowd and it was a great success. Suggestion for next year: At the 9:00AM Sunday morning Mass to have four Communion Cups and Cup Ministers.

Christ Our Hope Update

Goal \$10,317. Currently at \$36,595. Very successful!

Follow-Up Letter from Lafayette Fire Dept.

LFD sent us a letter saying opting out of the lockbox was not an option. Father sent a letter to Mike Witka, our Insurance Risk advisor, from the Archdiocese stating we're in Clark Co, not Floyd Co. We'll wait to hear back. Father will follow up with that. There is a \$325 purchase price for this Key box.

Request for Hosparus Fundraiser, Sunday, 1/29/17

The Koerber family requested to have a fundraiser breakfast to benefit Hosparus. Rita made motion to accept this request. Lisa seconded. All in favor.

Information from the Criterion

We received an information sheet on how to post, for examples, our Strawberry Festival and our parish Obituaries. They're also looking for unique stories to submit to the Criterion. (form on how to submit)

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry

Sharon's report:

Classes will resume this Sunday, January 15.

Catholic Youth Ministry

Vicki's report:

December was busy with hosting the Deanery Basketball games, Faith Formation, and our Annual Cookie Bake and Delivery. We made over \$300 at the deanery basketball games. We had plenty of adult and youth help. It was awesome! We also made cookies and delivered them to the following parishioners, visiting with whomever was home: Esther Book, Jane and Dave Rowan, Jewell Cavins, Blanche Finn, Colette Zumstein, Marcella Kruer, Edna Stumler, Carolyn Holden, Phyllis Adams, Ronnie Sprigler, Leona Gibson, Helen Samples, and Paul Book. We also sent a tub of cookies to Olivia Lucas' grandma Helen Balmer. We had two car loads of kids delivering along with Olivia Lucas (home from college) and Tim Book.

Next Sunday, January 15, High School Faith Formation resumes in the Youth Room, upstairs in the gym. We have two more sessions before starting our new Lenten program after Ash Wednesday, on March 1. It is a weekly program I would like to run, however, I need a person or two to help facilitate the classes on a few Sundays. If you know of someone that would like to help, please let me know.

Senior Retreat for high schoolers not attending Providence is coming up January 12-15 at Mt. St. Francis. We have two seniors attending this year, Peter Lonnemann and Gabe Schmidt. If you would like to send them a letter, please ask me about the details, and I will help. Letters to these men are due to Mt. St. Francis by this Friday.

I am joining other youth in the deanery attending the March for Life, January 26-29. Youth from the parish attending are Peter and Elliot Lonnemann. We are really looking forward to this experience.

The Freshman retreat is also this month, January 28-29. I am trying to get a few of our very active youth to attend their first high school retreat. I feel like there is already a strong bond with the freshman class, and would like to see them start their high school years growing in their faith together and help each other on their journey. (Note: if a freshman needs financial aide, they ask and we help out.)

In February we will begin a Co-Ed Deanery volleyball team. Tim Book will be coaching again. Games will start once the basketball season is complete. I am hoping that we will have enough youth to form a team. We might look to join with Navilleton, if either church has only a few players.

I think that's it for now! Thank you for letting me be involved with the youth of the parish. They are a wonderful group.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry

Cathy's report:

They did not meet in December. Finished with our Christmas season and will start on Lenten Season in February.

Buildings and Grounds Ministry

Larry's report:

Two furnaces weren't working (teachers' lounge in school and one in church), now fixed. Merle mentioned to Larry about the lock up in the bell tower in church. Larry will look at it.

Finance Council

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$49,390.30 and the balance in the gaming account is approximately \$5,069.06. We had a big Christmas collection.

The Finance Council did not meet in December.

Stewardship

Lisa's report:

No meeting in December, so no report.

What needs to be communicated?

To be put in bulletin: about Hosparius breakfast on Jan. 29 and new cemetery policy.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

Tracy questioned about new members being introduced. We had four new families that were introduced at the parish brunch. Could we put that in bulletin or something? Betty will follow-up and work with Dottie, our Parish Secretary.

Next Executive meeting is February 7, 2017, at 6 pm.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 7 p.m.

Father led us in closing prayers, "Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. John the Baptist, Pray for Us".