

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

## Minutes

November 14, 2017

Welcome: Brad, chairperson, welcomed all.

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

Roll Call: Father Day, Rita Smith, Larry Buechler, Merle Kruer, Sharon Schmidt, Leslie Smith, Darlene McCoy, Cathy Graninger, Lisa Heck, Mary Temple, David Miller, Denise Corley, Vicki Waterbury, Brad Denman, Tracy Martin

Excused: Patrick Oster                      Absent:

Approval of Minutes: Merle Kruer made a motion to approve minutes. Lisa Heck seconded.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Update on United Catholic Appeal. We have met our goal in pledges.

We received a Thank You from Catholic Charities for the check in the amount of \$4,996.00 for hurricane relief.

Plans are being made for the New Year Brunch to be held January 7, 2018. One mass at 9:00 AM with brunch to follow. Mary will contact Stumler Catering and All About Taste Catering and get signup sheets ready to put in church.

### **COMMISSION REPORTS**

#### **Catholic Faith Formation Ministry**

##### Sharon's report:

Denise Corley donated a DVD program to the CFF. Sharon is reviewing and evaluating if/how it can be used.

Christmas program will be held during the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve.

#### **Catholic Youth Ministry**

##### Vicki's report:

We have a large Confirmation Class this year! Our 13 Confirmation Candidates are:

Caden Balmer, Jackson Balmer, Jaren Barnes, Madison Hamilton, Allen Kruer, Gabriel Kruer, Austin Lacy, Elliott Lonnemann, Lola Lynch, Sophie Lynch, Madelyn Martin, Garrett Nash, and Genevieve Zakrzewski.

We have been meeting for a few months now. Sarah Koetter was the catechist this last gathering, and Jim Nett will be our catechist in December. If you would like to give an hour and a half to talk with the

youth, we could still use another adult in the January to talk about Christian Service: Witnessing to God's Justice. I have the materials for you!

We are also focusing energy on service this year. We have one service opportunity planned for each month. So far, we have delivered burritos (Sept), helped at the Halloween Party (Oct), and now are working with the Angel Tree ladies. We will also have our annual Christmas Cookie Bake and deliver them to various older members of the parish this year, on Dec. 17 after the Penance Service. Ms. Ginny Balmer is welcoming us into her kitchen to decorate and bake again this year!

We have 6 youth and Tim Book joining a group of youth from St. Mary's Navilleton and then the rest of the nation for the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this week, Nov. 16-19! We will leave at 9 am on Thursday and return home on Sunday at noon! There are 25 in our group total, including chaperones. We are having our last meeting Sunday, Nov. 12 to go over schedules, rules, food choices, tradeable items, and much more! It will be busy and fun, but also have moments of quiet, prayer, and reflection!

Due to low numbers we are combining the deanery basketball team with St. Mary's Navilleton.

Luke Naville has been working with the boys at Navilleton's gym on Tuesday and Thursdays. We will still host a day of games here at Starlight, and I have given the deanery office two dates as options, Dec. 3 & Jan. 21.

FYI, St. Mary's of the Knobs and the deanery office are hosting The Vigil Project, which will be an Advent night of music and speaking on Dec. 1 starting at 6:30 pm. It will be a great way to start the Advent season. It will be in the new church, and a free-will offering will be taken up.

I think that's it! Thank you for the opportunity to work with you youth!

### **Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry**

#### Cathy's report:

Calendar of Liturgical events:

11/22 - Thanksgiving Eve Anticipation Mass 7:00

11/25 & 11/26 – All Masses – Angel Tree up and names available

12/2/3 – First Sunday of Advent

12/8 Holyday of Obligation – Immaculate Conception 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

12/9/10 – All Angel Tree gifts due

12/10 – Advent Penance Service for CFF Students between Masses

12/17 – Adult Penance Service

12/24 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Only one Sunday Mass at 9:00 AM

5:00 PM Children’s Christmas Mass

10:00 Second Christmas Mass

Reports: Christmas Decorations go up Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> after 8:00 AM Mass

Breaking Bread Books will be exchanged for First Sunday in Advent. Anyone wishing to take an old book should remove the cover and take on the Weekend of 11/26.

All Lector Workbooks for 2018 have been passed out.

Next Meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Building and Grounds Ministry**

#### Larry’s report:

Building Committee met last week. Job quote for storage building has been quoted at \$47,889.00. Cleaning out and removal of old building will begin soon.

Playground equipment will be taken down and removed. This equipment will not be replaced.

Most of the new curtains are up and rest due to be complete by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Finance Council**

#### Merle’s report:

The balance in the general account is \$61,886.06 and the balance in the gaming account is \$9,195.96.

The Finance Council met on October 24th and the following issues were discussed:

- Reviewed and approved the latest Mass Stipend Bank Reconciliation;
- Reviewed the listing of outstanding checks on the latest bank reconciliation;
- Finalized the first quarter financial for issuing to the parishioners the weekend of October 28th and 29th;
- Approved the allocation of up to \$50,000 for the planning and construction of the storage building;
- The group was made aware that we have a tuition credit OF \$934.95 from SMK resulting from two of our parishioners dropping out. These parishioners will be attending Our Lady and we may receive a bill from them for the tuition difference.

- All but one check to Mark Koetter has been cashed and cleared to this date.
- There were no other issues brought before the meeting.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. and all were invited to attend.

Lisa made a motion to approve the storage building quote, Merle seconded. All approved!

### **Stewardship Commission**

Lisa's report:

The Stewardship commission met to discuss:

Tracey Huber was our guest and we discussed the arrangements for the "Angel Tree" project. We discussed ways to change the tags and how to make it more easily for our parishioners to sign up. We also suggested to request Mike Kaiser to donate boxes for canned goods and food items and garbage bags for the gifts. He has volunteered to do both. The packaging will be more organized. Vicki has agreed to have the youth to help with this project. We will be collecting for 17 families through the Head Start program for Borden, Henryville and Sellersburg. Collection will begin at our Thanksgiving Mass on 11-22-17.

Bette Buechler also came to this meeting and we discussed and plan to do a collection for Marie's Ministry in January. We currently collect baby wipes. We will work with Marie's Ministry for special requests and plan a drive to help them.

Father and I went to Stewardship Education Meeting at St. Augustine. At this training we discussed best practices of stewardship within our parishes.

Lisa had a sample of Family Information Update available for review. Denise made a motion to remove "Can this be published to Parish Member? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_". Rita seconded the motion. All approved.

Our next meeting will be December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. All are welcome. Lisa Heck

### **Questions, Comments, Concerns**

Lisa will follow up with Catholic Charities on Marie's Ministries for ways we can further help them.

Next Executive meeting is December 5, 2017 at 6 pm

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7 pm.

Father led us in closing prayers.

Closing prayers: **Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be; & St. John the Baptist, Pray for Us.**