

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

December 12, 2017

Welcome: Rita, vice 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, Mary Temple, Tracy Martin, David Miller, Denise Corley.

Excused: Brad Denman, Vicki Waterbury, Lisa Heck

Absent: Patrick Oster

Approval of Minutes: Merle Kruer made a motion to approve minutes. Darlene McCoy seconded.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

United Catholic Appeal: Father reported total of \$36,555.

Parish Brunch Update: Bids from All About Taste and Stumler's Catering at same price of \$15.00 per plate. Motion was made by Denise to approve Stumler's Catering to cater the brunch. Merle seconded the motion. Set up on Saturday, January 6th at 9:00 AM.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry

Sharon's report:

- 1) This past Sunday (Dec 10) we celebrated 5 First Reconciliations along with their family and all the CFF classes.
- 2) We will have a 6th student joining us for First Communion preparation.
- 3) This coming Sunday (Dec 17) will be the last class for 2017. Our January classes begin the Sunday after Parish New Year Brunch on January 14.
- 4) Practice for the Christmas Story for the Christmas 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass will be held in the church on Thursday, Dec 21st at 6:00 PM.

Catholic Youth Ministry

Vicki's report:

Confirmation class this month has been postponed to January's class, on January 10th. Half the class was going to miss class tomorrow, so we decided to move this session into our next scheduled class. We are still patiently waiting for the Archbishops Confirmation Date, but it looks like it will be next Fall, of 2018.

This Sunday, December 17, we will be baking, decorating and delivering cookies to the elderly parishioners of St. John's. We are meeting at Mrs. Ginny Balmer's kitchen at 2PM. I will be composing

the list of parishioners to visit. If you know of someone that could use a visit and some cookies, please contact me in the next few days.

Our trip to NCYC was WONDERFUL! We had 6 youth, plus Tim, and myself join others from St. Mary's Navilleton and the rest of the deanery, archdiocese, and nation! It was a powerful few days together in worship, service, and much more. We heard from many fabulous speakers on topics such as Chastity, Pro-Life, Time given to sports vs Time given to Church, Relationships with God and our family and friends, and much more. We also got to fill rice bags for hungry people in Africa. Almost all the youth went to Confession while there, 2 Masses, and a Holy Hour of Eucharist Adoration. And they had a lot of FUN doing all of this together!

We hosted the deanery basketball games December 3. Games went well, and we had enough help to get through the day. We have plenty of supplies that will help when we host the deanery volleyball games in a few months. Speaking of volleyball.... Tim is opening the gym and allowing youth to play friendly volleyball on Wednesday nights during December and January. The season will not start until after Basketball is over, but we are just getting in some extra practice!

God Bless you and your family on your Advent season. And I wish you all a very joyful Christmas! Thank you for the opportunity to work with your youth.

Vicki

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry

Cathy's report:

Liturgy and Spiritual Life Ministry Commission Meeting Notes December 5, 2017

Items Discussed:

- December 17, 2017 – 1:00 Adult Penance Service
- December 24, 2017 – 4th Sunday of Advent. Only one Sunday Mass at 9:00 AM
- 5:00 Children's Christmas Mass
- 10:00 Second Christmas Mass
- December 25, 2017 – Christmas Day – one Mass 10:00 AM
- January 1, 2018 – Not a Holyday of Obligation this year
- January 7, 2018 – Epiphany of the Lord. One Mass only 9:00 AM. Parish Brunch follows.

Christmas Decorations go up Friday the 22nd after the 8:00 AM Mass. We have some new trees and lights.

Father has trained Hallie Lockett as server.

Next meeting will be February 6th.

Building and Grounds Ministry

Larry's report:

Rest of the Drapes to be installed on Thursday, December 14th. Father reported Larry Stumler has met with REMC regarding the electricity on the building project.

Finance Council

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is \$73,425.30 and the balance in the gaming account is \$5,581.82. The Finance Council met on November 28th and the following issues were discussed:

- Reviewed and approved the latest Mass Stipend Bank Reconciliation.
- Merle asked the Bookkeeper to set up specific accounts for Tuition Assistance expenses, and Haiti initiative expenses. These expenses are currently lumped into the "Other" category and Merle felt that we needed to identify these, so they are reflected on the quarterly financial reports to the parishioners.
- Shared with the group the cost estimate (\$47,889.00) documents for the storage building.
- Reviewed the billing from Our Lady for \$975.00 for tuition assistance.
- Discussed the Archdiocesan Crowd Funding policy which governs what we can and cannot do when assisting families who have been impacted by a disaster. After much discussion a motion was made to establish an ADLF-Outreach Funds account in which we will deposit funds (\$10,000) to be used for this purpose. The account will be funded with the existing UCA monies that are in the parish's general ADLF account and the difference will be taken from our general ADLF account to total \$10,000. The motion carried, and Merle agreed to handle the account setup and the funding into the account with Dottie and the Archdiocese. To insure ongoing funding for this account it was agreed that we should consider adding an envelope each quarter to the parishioner's envelope packet. This cannot be done for 2018 as the envelopes have already been ordered.
- Father reported that the new Archbishop is now ready to review the recommendations of the Connected In The Spirit process and make some decisions relative to what will happen with our parish. He wanted to make us aware that this process could require that we may need to authorize the payment of additional salaries.
- There were no other issues brought before the meeting.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:30 PM and all were invited to attend.

Stewardship Commission

Lisa's report:

Stewardship Commission has helped Tracey and Samantha organize the Angel Tree Project this year. \$1500.00 was collected to purchase hams for the Angel Tree families.

Marie's Ministry – we will continue to collect items for this ministry and on the first Tuesday of the month, we meet there and help as needed.

What needs to be communicated:

Brunch signup sheets put in church and in the bulletin.

Mass schedule and decorating times posted in the bulletin.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

Next Executive meeting is January 2, 2018 at 6 pm

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7 pm.

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