

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
Minutes

February 14, 2017

**Welcome:** Bette, chairperson, welcomed all.

**Opening Prayer:** Father led us in prayer, "*Prayer for a New Archbishop*".

**Roll Call:** Father Day, Bette Buechler, Rita Smith, Tracy Martin, Larry Buechler, Merle Kruer, Sharon Schmidt, Leslie Smith, Lisa Heck, Vicki Waterbury, Cathy Graninger, Betty Roll

Excused: Darlene McCoy, Mike Cundiff, Patrick Oster, Brad Denman

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Spirit of Hope Award Winners**

Jeanne Schmidt and Kathy Kruer will be receiving *Spirit of Hope* award at the St. Elizabeth/Catholic Charities Gala on Thursday, April 27, at the Galt House in Louisville, KY.

**Request for Approval of two Fund-Raising Events in the Parish Hall**

Ginny Balmer has asked for permission for a breakfast on March 19 for MADD and also August 5 for the Alzheimer Dinner. Possible change on the March 19 date due to spring break. Lisa made motion to accept these requests. Leslie seconded. All approved.

**Strawberry Festival Update**

A Strawberry Festival kick-off meeting is planned for Wednesday, March 8 @ 7 pm. Website and Facebook accounts are updated. License Applications have been submitted. Changes this year: red shirts instead of gray, plastic jars instead of glass for the Crazy Cannery booth, no beer/wine sales, and there will be a showcase of music for middle and high-school ages. This will all be in the bulletin.

Bette has been asked to ask the parish council about getting one more chair rack. Some end chairs are falling off. Cost is \$358.75 total (includes shipping). That will put all the new chairs on new racks. Lisa made motion to approve 2 new chair racks. Betty seconded. All approved.

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Catholic Faith Formation Ministry**

Sharon's report:

Classes are going well. They're getting ready for lent.

## **Catholic Youth Ministry**

Vicki's report:

Last month, I joined other youth in the deanery attending the March for Life. Youth from the parish attending were Peter and Elliot Lonnemann. We had such an incredible experience! There were 21 youth from our deanery along with five youth ministers and Fr. Adam Ahern from OLPH/Providence Chaplin. It was a very peaceful demonstration with a lot of discussion with the youth. We also attended a youth rally at George Mason University the night prior and morning of the March, along with Mass, Confessions, and Eucharist Adoration. We also toured D.C. the final day of our trip, along with going to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and meeting up with Patrick Lonnemann at the Catholic University.

The deanery volleyball team has started their season! We have a total of 15 players from both St. John's and St. Mary's Navilleton. As they have played in the past, we are definitely focused on enjoying each other's company and not so much on winning!

On February 26, our youth along with youth from St. Mary's Navilleton will be hosting the deanery volleyball games in the Navilleton gym. We play early (2:00 pm), then I am asking all of the youth from both parishes to stick around. I will feed them soup throughout the day, all of our players and workers. Then we (both parishes) will be hosting the High School Youth Mass at 6:00 pm. All are invited to the Mass. I am also excited to announce that Fr. Day will be celebrating the Youth Mass. Following Mass, we will travel to the gym for the annual dodgeball tournament. It will be a long, but wonderful day with the joint parish youth group!

A few items I am working on:

- Lenten Faith Formation sessions with the high school youth, "Living the Eucharist"
- Assisting at our Fish Fry events
- Spring/Summer calendar. There are many summer events such as a local Mission trip meant for Freshman and Sophomores based at the Mount, called Faith in Action (July 9-13). There is also a Mission trip to Campton, Kentucky, called Wolfe Pack Mission trip for the older high school youth (June 13-17). There is also the One Bread Once Cup liturgical leadership conference at St. Meinrad (June 26-30). Also, Summer Daze dates are Tuesdays June 20, 27, and July 11 – the service dates for middle school youth in the deanery.

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

Vicki also reported that she has booked a few cabins @ Buffalo Trace Park for the first few nights of spring break. Will also do local community service. Also wants to do middle school camping.

## **Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry**

Cathy's report:

Everyone was present at last meeting, along with Sharon Schmidt. They discussed Father's celebration on May 7. Father's family will be the gift bearers, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers. Possibly one concelebrant – Marty Peter. There will be a special blessing. Father will formalize the music selections at a later date. Father will obtain the servers.

Lent –

Ash Wednesday ashes distributed at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm Masses. Rice bowls will be available at those Masses. Inside rice bowls is a Lenten calendar.

Fridays – Stations of the Cross (4:30 pm) and Fish Fry (5-7 pm) will resume.

Mondays – 7:00 pm Mass with Adult Ed program to follow in church.

Palms have been ordered as well as new Easter Candle. Old one will be used for children's classes.

Holy Thursday – Children will be invited for the washing of feet on Holy Thursday.

Reports: Ushers – Sent out updated list of assignments.

Altar Servers – Five new servers now working with Bert Craig on Saturday evening Masses. Next meeting is March 7 @ 7:00 pm.

### **Buildings and Grounds Ministry**

Larry's report: nothing to report

### **Finance Council**

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$55,683.33 and the balance in the gaming account is approximately \$5,069.06.

The Finance Council did not meet in January, however, via email the group approved several items:

1. Approved the donation of \$500 to Catholics for Children which in the past was referred to as Billboards for Life.
2. Approved the installation of new flooring in the office of the parish secretary at a cost of \$1,000. Installation will be done by Reliance Carpet Service (Chris Andres).
3. Approved the Second Quarter Financial Report to the parish which will be included with the bulletin the weekend of February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Father asked me to look further into the key box issue. I contacted the person named in the correspondence to determine exactly which fire district we were in. After explaining our location, and the proximity to the Floyd county line, I asked if we would be in the Clark or Floyd district. He checked with the fire chief who explained we are technically in Clark who we would call, but Clark would then call Floyd to assist. After some discussion about the key box and some of the issues that we had with it (i.e., multiple buildings involved; multiple locks on buildings with different keys; etc.), I told him I could see some value in the key box in the event of a false alarm if we had an alarm system, but not for an actual fire. I told him we do not have any type of alarm system either on premises or one that would ring into the fire station. Once he heard this, he said that we probably did not need the key box, but he would check with the fire chief. He called back and said the fire chief agreed that we did not need a key box. Case closed!

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2017 at 6:30 pm and all are invited to attend.

## **Stewardship**

Lisa's report:

The Stewardship Commission met on Wednesday January 25, 2017. We continued our Study Guide on the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*.

We reviewed Video 1: *The Challenge* where we learned that "Mature Disciples of Jesus Christ respond no matter the cost".

We then watched Video 2: *The Choice*. We discussed how St. John's is a stewardship parish because of all the outreach that we do, including the volunteer programs our parishioners participate in as well as our breakfasts and fish fry events.

"This commitment (Stewardship) is expressed not in a single action....but in an entire way of life...It means committing one's very self to the Lord."

Our next meeting on February 22 will end our study with *The Vision*. All are welcome.

## **What needs to be communicated?**

Strawberry Festival meeting will be put in bulletin.

Bette will turn in the order for the new chair racks.

## **Questions, Comments, Concerns**

Volunteers are needed for Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana. Father said we may wait to see what's needed.

Bette reported about Father's May 7 celebration. There will be bulletin announcements in nine parishes, add St. Malachy Brownsburg.

It will be an Open House on May 7 @ Plantation Hall, 11:30 – 2:30. Huber's is covering it.

Father has a few more people to invite. Father has albums from Ordination, his 25th and 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations that we can set up on a table.

We will have our two regular Masses that Sunday, with the 10 am Mass being the Mass of Thanksgiving.

Father said he only has two classmates left out of 13, Father Marty Peter and Father Nick Rice (who was a deacon at the time).

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

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

Father led us in closing prayers, "Catholic Charities" prayer