

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes

March 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, Vicki Waterbury, Brad Denman, Darlene McCoy, Betty Roll, Mike Cundiff

Excused: Patrick Oster, Cathy Graninger, Lisa Heck

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Strawberry Festival Update

Bette reported that we had our meeting last week. The raffle tickets have been ordered. Everything on raffle is same as last year. The quilt is “My Mother’s Apron”. The driveway by the gazebo has been paved. There will be a follow-up meeting on April 26.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Needs Assessment – Listening Session

Father gave us a copy of a letter from an Archdiocesan Administrator about “listening sessions” to be held throughout the diocese. The purpose is to prepare for our next Archbishop a list of concerns of the people of the Archdiocese that he may address as he wishes to do so. Our listening session will be at St. Mary’s, Lanesville, on April 6. Our Deanery Pastors are expected to attend and bring 2-4 parishioners. Bette, Merle, and Sharon will attend with Father.

Parish Invitation to St. E’s/CC Gala

There is an invitation on the back of our agenda for the Catholic Charities Gala on April 27. Our parishioner Jeanne Schmidt has been selected to receive the Spirit of Hope Award. Everyone is welcome. Father will be on vacation at that time and so unable to attend.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry

Sharon’s report:

It is going well with the Rice Bowl program. The kids at CFF are learning about other countries with a DVD. Sharon will meet with someone from Navilleton about joining for Vacation Bible School. Sharon talked with some of the parents about the kids getting their feet washed on Holy Thursday.

Catholic Youth Ministry

Vicki's report:

The deanery volleyball team has one last weekend remaining. This Saturday, they will have their end of season tournament at St. Mary of the Knobs starting at 9:30. 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 focused on enjoying each other's company, but do have a few wins this season!

On February 26, our youth along with youth from St. Mary's Navilleton hosted the deanery volleyball games in the Navilleton gym. After we played our set of volleyball, most of the kids hung around to work the games, concession stand, or take turns hanging out in the youth room that I created as their "Youth Hospitality" room. Parents and I donated food and snacks and they played pool and board games, when they weren't working. Then we (both parishes) along with Fr. Day hosted the High School Youth Mass. Everything went smoothly and was very nice having youth from both parishes involved in all the ministries of Mass. Even the choir was made up from youth from Starlight, Navilleton, and the Knobs! Following Mass, we went to the gym for pizza and the annual dodgeball tournament. It was a great and exhausting day!

I am planning a High School Spring Break camping trip for next week for both parishes. It will be at Buffalo Trace Park in the cabins Monday – Wednesday. We will also be going to the Franciscan Kitchen on Tuesday morning to prepare, serve, and eat with 450-500 guests. Then we'll return to our camping life, and possibly attend Mass on Tuesday evening at St. Michael's in Bradford. I am looking forward to this time together and hope the weather will be nice.

We have been contacted by Providence for the need of any service hours. I am replying that we could use a few more kids to help at Fish Fry's, especially the Fridays during our two weeks of Spring Break. We have had enough kids to help, but not many extras! The volleyball team has been practicing on Thursday nights, so they have been continuing to set up the tables and chairs after their practice. They will continue to play volleyball even after their tournament, if they desire, if the Fish Fry is set up afterwards.

I am also in preparation for the deanery awards (May 11), writing letters of recommendations for seniors, Senior Mass (May 20), Strawberry Festival (May 27), and various mission trips and summer trips/programs. 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 youth (June 13-17). There is also the One Bread One 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.

Bette also mentioned that the youth will do the soft drink/water booth at the festival. Vicki mentioned that they are nominating Tim Book for the St. John Bosco award. Award Day is May 11. He is not aware of this.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry

Cathy's report:

Father reported for Cathy that they are getting everything ready for Holy Week.

Buildings and Grounds Ministry

Larry's report:

Larry reported that he and Steve Smith worked on the replacing light bulbs in school and the cafeteria. They also looked at the door on east side of Church. Koetter Woodworking will take care of it in about a month or so. Mark Koetter will continue with grass cutting and shrubs. Libs Paving did the paving behind the gazebo. The cemetery clean-up will be scheduled soon. Larry will get with Dan Regan on that. Bette reported that Dan Regan personally visited all the monument companies (about 12), to give them a copy of our updated policies.

Finance Council

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$59,209.31 and the balance in the gaming account is approximately \$5,494.06.

They met on February 28 and discussed the following:

~Letter announcing a new calculation for our UCA goal for year 2017. The new goal will be based on a rolling average of the previous three years of Sunday and Holy Day income. Our average for the last three years was \$252,000. The percentage will be applied to this amount. We don't know the percentage yet, but the new goals for the parishes should be out during the spring of 2017.

~Reviewed and approved the latest Mass Stipend bank reconciliation which reflected a balance of \$4,130.

~Letter from LPi, the company that handles the advertisements on our bulletin explaining the calculation for our rebate of \$929.41. The rebate is calculated as 25% of the paid ad revenue over \$11,894.36. The paid ad revenue was \$15,612.00, therefore we received 25% of \$3,717.64, or \$929.41.

~Fr. Day discussed the possibility of designating a portion of our annual income to helping with the work in Haiti. This would be in addition to the other outreach monies that we use to support such ministries as Billboards for Life, St. Vincent DePaul, etc. This issue will need to be approved by the Parish Pastoral council before the Finance Council can proceed.

~Shared with the group the fact that the wine cups had been refurbished at a cost of \$1,300 which was covered by Memorial monies.

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

Several parishes in our area have a "twin parish" in Haiti. Father suggested maybe we do something similar, maybe not twin, but maybe go in with St. John Paul II. We would get a report on what they do with the money. Other parishes have a percentage of what they send. (After we get our new UCA goal, we will no longer get the rebates.) Father said it doesn't have to be a huge amount. The new budget comes out in June, so we would not begin till then. Brad Denman made a motion to direct the Finance Council to pursue outreach funding, to include Haiti. Tracy seconded. All in favor.

Stewardship

Lisa's report:

The Stewardship Committee met on Wednesday 2-22-17 to review and discuss our last session of "Stewardship: "A Disciple's Response" Study Guide.

"The Vision" section had us reflect on how we see the world. Do we see it through the eyes of faith or switch out lenses based upon our situation? Across the globe, we find many different understandings of life and how the world is supposed to work. With those views also come different visions of God.

We also discussed how we could use stewardship to influence other individuals and our parish communities on how to become a more mature disciple of Jesus.

Stewardship is the pathway to sacramental living. Stewardship leads to Transformation. **Transformed Disciples** see God as the source of all they have and are and will be. Throughout each day, they feel the presence of God and see their ordinary actions as opportunities for something extraordinary.

"The Vision" tells us "Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives."

Our next meeting is 3-22-17 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

What needs to be communicated?

Betty will check around and see if anyone uses the stage pieces that are in the storage room.

Larry will follow up with Dan Regan about cemetery clean-up day.

Bette will follow-up on Gala Award.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

Merle reported that Paul Bierman will be the photographer at Father's Anniversary reception free of charge.

Bette reported that the new chair racks came in, have been filled, and put away. Two old racks will be put in the garage for now. Discussion on whether to keep one old chair rack for a coat rack. The new chair racks have coat racks on them.

Next Executive meeting is April 4, 2017, at 6 pm.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 7 p.m.

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