

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes

April 11, 2017

Welcome: Bette, chairperson, welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Father led us in prayer, "*Prayer for a New Archbishop.2017*".

Roll Call: Father Day, Bette Buechler, Rita Smith, Larry Buechler, Merle Kruer, Sharon Schmidt, Leslie Smith, Darlene McCoy, Cathy Graninger, Lisa Heck, Mike Cundiff, Betty Roll

Excused: Patrick Oster, Vicki Waterbury, Brad Denman and Tracy Martin

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Strawberry Festival Update

Bette reported that the next meeting has been changed to May 3. Everything is getting lined up. The quilt is here, and we may hang in church on display when it gets closer to the Festival.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Needs Assessment – Meeting Report

Several attended last week at Lanesville. Merle reported that the listening session was to give input about the needs and hopes of our parishes. This input will be given to the newly appointed Archbishop on his arrival. The concerns and needs covered were the same as were state in the "Connected in the Spirit" endeavor.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry

Sharon's report:

Our Annual Catechetical Report for 2016-17 has been sent to the Catholic Center.

We have about ten students participating in Holy Thursday's Washing of the Feet. Due to ball game and a school function two students who were scheduled have dropped out.

We have invited the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Sunday Faith Formation students on a field trip to visit the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand on Sunday, April 30. Sister Christine has invited us to attend Mass with the Sisters. After Mass, we'll enjoy lunch then be given a tour of the Monastery

Next month (May) we will be advertising and placing the Reverend Richard M. Smith Scholarship applications at the church entrances.

The May crowning of the Blessed Virgin on May 14 (Mother's Day) will be our final classes for this school year.

Plans are still in the works for Vacation Bible School (VBS) with St. Mary's Navilleton. The program is Maker Fun Factory and the dates are July 11, 12, and 13 from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Catholic Youth Ministry

Vicki's report:

The spring break camping trip went well. It was a shared event with youth from Navilleton. We only had a few Starlight kids able to participate, March 20-22, but we had a great time! Nine boys, three girls, myself, and Tim took them camping at Buffalo Trace Park. We also spent almost six hours working one morning at the Franciscan Kitchen in Louisville and went to Mass that night at St. Michael's in Bradford.

Upcoming events:

Deanery Spring Awards on May 11th at Mt. St. Francis.

Senior Mass and Recognition at St. John's on Saturday, May 20th at 5:00 pm

Strawberry Festival – May 27th

Game Night – I would like to plan a GAME NIGHT – not a lock-in, but just an open gym and youth room, serve up some pizza or something cheap and easy, and just have the kids come hang out together for 2-3 hours. I am still working out the details: middle, high school or both? Just Starlight, or add the Navilleton kids too.

Summer Daze dates: June 20, 27, and July 11 – this is a Middle School event on Tuesdays during the summer where middle schoolers spend half the day working at various service projects, then the second half they join with the rest of the deanery kids for some social fun! Details are being worked on now and will be shared soon!

Wolfe Pack Mission Trip – June 13-17 for high school youth. I believe we have a few youths attending this, one is Peter Lonnemann. A few spots remain open, for anyone else to register! There is also a Mission trip to Wolfe County, Kentucky for college youth as well on May 18-21. We also have a few youths who have asked to pursue this opportunity. Nicole Kruer and Grace Missi have registered. Fr. Day has allowed them to pay half and the parish will pick up the remaining expense of \$85 each.

Faith in Action – Faith in Action is a fantastic mission week; however, it's based here locally. Youth stay at Mt. St. Francis, then go into the community and work each day. They return to the Mount for food and fun. It is geared for youth who are current 9th and 10 graders and held on July 9-13. Currently registered is Elliot Lonnemann. The Lonnemann's have paid for both boys to go to the March for Life and Peter to attend the Wolfe Pack Mission. I checked with the deanery office and so far, they have just paid the \$100 deposit for Elliott's \$245 FIA fees. Could St. John's pay for the final \$145?

One Bread One Cup – This year we have three youth attending OBOC at St. Meinrad. In this group is Maddie Martin, Austin Lacy, and Sam Kruer. I will also be attending with them this long weekend of July 6-10, along with a few youths from St. Mary's Navilleton. OBOC is a liturgical leadership conference. In the past, we had youth pay for the first \$100 deposit, and then the parish picked up the final cost of \$450 each. Could the Parish Council please vote to approve this for this year as well?

Lisa made the motion for the parish to pay the final expenses for the youth to attend Faith in Action and One Bread One Cup. (above) Betty seconded. All in favor.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry

Cathy's report:

Denise Corley and Jim Nett went to the Chrism Mass in Indy on April 11, 2017.

Note 8:30 time for Holy Saturday Mass. Holy Thursday 7 pm and Good Friday 3 pm.

Father Day will be on vacation from April 24th to 30th.

May Crowning will be on May 14th, which coincides with Mother's Day. Coffee and donuts will be served after 8:00 Mass.

Reports:

Decorations – Palms are here. Will decorate for Easter after Good Friday Service.

Lectors – Matt Vick and Terra Mahan have been trained.

Ushers, Sacristans, and Altar Servers – no reports.

Offertory Gifts Scheduling – all up to date.

Music – Choir will be learning a complete new Mass after Easter

Next meeting is May 2 and all are welcome.

Buildings and Grounds Ministry

Larry's report:

Cemetery Clean-up Day is done.

Annual Asbestos Awareness Certification Class – June 27. Larry is planning on attending.

Parish Garbage Dumpster location – Father reported there have been numerous people using the dumpster, including dumping a gas grill, water heater, mattress, and box springs. Should dumpster be moved to a more visible location? Larry suggested getting a deer cam. Worries that if it's moved to a more visible location, then even more people might use it. Maybe we should put up some signs that it's not for personal use. Father said the dumpster contract expires in December, and we may get new quotes. We decided to leave it where it is for now.

Koetter Woodworking will work on the Church side entrance door in a couple weeks.

Jim Book will use the green stage pieces in his greenhouse. That will make room in the storage room for all the tables and chairs.

Finance Council

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is approximately \$77,109.19 and the balance in the gaming account is approximately \$6,468.06.

The Finance Council did not meet in March. However, we are working on the 3rd Quarter Financial Report to the parish and the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. The new budget is due in to the Archdiocese by June 15, 2017. One of the documents that needs to be completed is the Projected Three-Year Capital Expenditure Budget. For fiscal year 2017-2018, we have duplicated the information that was presented the last several years since there is a moratorium on any capital expenditures. A copy of this document was included in their packet for review and approval. (enclosed) After discussion, a motion was made to accept the Projected Three-Year Capital Expenditure Budget. This motion was seconded and carried.

The next Finance Council meeting will be April 25 at 6:30 pm. All are invited to attend.

Merle made motion to send in Three-Year Capital Expenditure Budget (same as last time). Lisa seconded. All in favor.

After this year's Strawberry festival, we need to start thinking about plans for a new shed, so we need to form a committee for this.

Stewardship Commission

Lisa's report:

The Stewardship Commission met on Wednesday 3-22-17 and discussed what St. John's does to create a culture of stewardship. We discussed the following areas:

Welcoming

Hospitality at Mass

Fostering Small Church Communities

Fellowship Opportunities

Year-Round Stewardship Communications

Annual Parish Stewardship United Catholic Appeal Renewal

After much discussion, we determined that we need to work on the parish telephone/email directory to update the parish office. We found that a lot of the numbers in the 2015 picture directory are no longer in service.

I have contacted Dottie in the office to work on a form to be presented to the parishioners during the weekend Masses and a possible mailing. We hope to have a form to present to the Parish Council after our next meeting. Dottie will be working with Father to see what all we need in the parish database.

Our next meeting will be May 24. We will not meet in April due to scheduling conflicts.

What needs to be communicated?

May Crowning will be May 14. Sharon will put in bulletin.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

The three members going off Parish Council need to come to the next meeting with some nominees for next term.

Larry B. will be attending the Asbestos meeting.

Dottie and Father are taking care of the invitations for the May 7, 50th Anniversary Mass & Reception. Paul Bierman will be the photographer free of charge. He will make a CD of all pictures taken. Lisa is ordering the sheet cakes - \$432. Everyone in favor of parish providing money for cakes. Father's family will be lectors, gift bearers, and read the petitions. Fr. Tom Clegg has notified Father Day that he will be concelebrating the Liturgy.

Next Executive meeting is May 2, 2017, at 6 pm.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 7 p.m.

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