

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

## Minutes

April 10, 2018

**Welcome:** Rita, vice-chairperson, welcomed all.

**Opening Prayer:** Merle led us in prayer, "Lord God of Holiness Prayer".

**Roll Call:** Rita Smith, Merle Kruer, Leslie Smith, Darlene McCoy, Mary Temple, Tracy Martin, David Miller, Denise Corley, Lisa Heck, Larry Buechler, Vicki Waterbury

**Excused:** Father Day, Sharon Schmidt, Cathy Graninger, Brad Denman

**Absent:** Patrick Oster

**Approval of Minutes:** Merle made a motion to approve minutes. Denise seconded.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Report on Strawberry Festival. Larry stated storage building is on schedule to be complete. He expressed concerns regarding the whereabouts of the water lines and electric lines as to where they are and wants to put this information on a board. He and Steve will call 811 for the electric information and the water company for the layout of the water lines. Lisa made a motion to approve this request and Rita seconded the motion. Steve also wants to put drywall up half way up the wall to prevent damage to the metal sides in case it is hit with a forklift. Larry will discuss with him and see if it is within the budgeted amount allowed.

The Sound System upgrade for the Church is explained in Merle's finance report. Lisa made a motion to approve the bid from Knight Audio. David seconded the motion.

We received a flyer on the Mass of Thanksgiving which will be held here on May 24<sup>th</sup>, with a reception following at Huber's Orchard and Winery.

### COMMISSION REPORTS

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

Sharon's report: no report Lisa reported there has been a request to have the Marian Statue cleaned before the May Crowning on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Catholic Youth Ministry

Vicki's report: Past news:

- **Fish Fry's** – I am happy to say what a great amount of youth we had helping this year. We are in the midst of some great friendships within the Youth program and it is wonderful! We also had a handful of younger ones helping get trays and doing more work than in the past.
- **Middle School Camping Trip** – we had a few youth attend the middle school camp trip, along with others from St. Mary's Navilleton. This was the first week of Spring Break, where we got to play in the snow, sleep in warm cabins, work at St. Elizabeth's – Marie's Ministry, attend Mass and Rosary at Navilleton, and more! Kids were great, teen leaders were Josey Waterbury and Jaren Barnes and they were very helpful!
- **High School Shanty Town** – Many thanks to Tony Balmer for coordinating and supplying boxes for Shanty Town. We started on Good Friday at 5 pm, with Confessions, then setting up the Silhouette Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's of the Knobs (along with St. Mary's Navilleton), the youth performed it at 7 pm for anyone in attendance, then they were dismissed to the gym to gather their cardboard box and set up their shanties outside. In case you were wondering – yes, it was very cold, in the 30's that night! Good thing sleep wasn't on our schedule. Starting at 10 pm we started our 10 hr. fast, then they had to pick a time in the schedule and work 3 hours in service or prayer. They had to have an hour in quiet prayer in church, an hour walking the outdoor Stations of the Cross, and an hour in service making breakfast burritos or filling Easter Eggs. Some took an hour or two naps in their Shanties, others didn't sleep at all.  
In the morning we tore down our Shanty Town and carried the cardboard onto a recycling truck. Then half of the group delivered breakfast burritos on bicycles to homeless and hungry individuals in Louisville. We finished around noon and were exhausted but completely delighted with our time in prayer, service and fellowship!

Upcoming Events:

- **Senior Mass** – I am in the process of scheduling our Senior Recognition Mass. We only have one senior this year, Ethan Kruer. Looking into dates in May/June.
- **Confirmation Sessions** We are trying to move our next session from April 18 – April 25 for the convenience of our teacher that session, Sarah Koetter. Waiting on the candidates to reply to me with their conflicts.
- **The Jam** This is a middle school event that has been offered each year, hosted by the deanery YMAT team. This year it will be held at Sacred Heart in Jeff and will be an overnight event. I have thrown it out there to our youth, but fear the overnight part, might shy our middle schoolers away. We will see. I will be there as a chaperone, as well as two daughters (one leading and one attending). They are focusing on the beatitudes and will have a lot of fun amongst the sessions. It will be held on April 27-28.
- **Summer Mission Trip for High School Youth** Wolfe Pack Mission Trip for HS students is July 10-15 and is \$350. I have promoted this and encourage any Juniors & Seniors and graduating seniors to attend. We went last year, and it was WONDERFUL. We spent time in prayer and worked in the community and at people's homes. We help the Sisters at Good Shephard Parish in Campton, Kentucky. I did tell youth to not let the cost scare them, and if anyone would need

financial assistance they should let me know. A \$100 deposit is due with their registration and it is first come first serve. We only take 3 vans for youth, so the space is very limited.

- **Strawberry Festival** I also sent a Save the Date for this. I will be filling a schedule of works (youth and parents) to fill the cold drinks booth again this year. Volunteers were great last year, and we had a great time!
- **St. Johns Youth Day** Is anything going on the Sunday before the Strawberry Festival? I was thinking about planning a day to have the youth out (middle and high school). We can set up the tables and chairs for the dinner at this time. But also play some games, our new 9 squares in the air, other games, picnic food, prayer and focus before everyone scatters on Summer Break. Just a thought!
- I believe that's it for now! God Bless! Vicki

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

Cathy's report: No report this month

### **Building and Grounds Ministry**

Larry's report:

Larry reported the shrubs and landscaping around the church sign will be done by Larry Martin Nursery.

We did not receive a report on the Cemetery clean-up.

### **Finance Council**

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is \$97,374.54 and the balance in the gaming account is \$6,504.30.

The Finance Council met on March 27<sup>th</sup> and addressed the following issues:

- Explained our newly negotiated garbage pickup contract with Rumpke. It is a two-year contract with a monthly charge of \$90 for the first year and a 3% increase (\$92.70) for the second and final year. Discussion with the other vendors found that the Rumpke price competitive and they provided the service that some of the others could not.
- A decision was made to close our ADLF-Cemetery account and transfer the funds into our Cemetery Endowment account. Research showed that the Endowment generated significantly more income over time than the ADLF. This decision leaves the parish without a ready source of funds specifically designated for cemetery expenses, however, since cemetery expenses have been minimal or non-existent in the past we will continue to cover these expenses from the parish operating income.
- Fr. Day suggested that the Finance Council might want to consider ways to increase the Starlight Endowment Fund account as a future income stream. This will be a topic for future meetings.

- Discussed the two bids (Siemens \$29,940; Knight Audio \$18,725) for a new sound system in church since the third company declined to bid. After explaining the differences in the two systems, a motion was made to go with the less sophisticated system (Knight Audio). The motion was seconded and carried with the council. The decision was based on the system criteria, the cost, and consideration for the future needs of the parish.
- No other issues were brought before the meeting.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. and all were invited to attend.

### **Stewardship Commission**

Lisa's report: Lisa reported the flyer for Marie's Ministries will be inserted in the bulletin on the weekend of April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **What needs to be communicated:**

Lisa will talk with Sharon about the cleaning of the Marian Statue.

Tracy will talk to Larry about the landscaping of the church sign.

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

None

**Next Executive meeting is May 1, 2018 at 6 pm**

**Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7 pm.**

Rita led us in closing prayers.

**Closing prayer:** Lord of Day and Night