

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

## Minutes

May 8, 2018

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

**Opening Prayer:** Father led us in opening prayer, “**Father, We Thank You**”.

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

Excused: Sharon Schmidt, Darlene McCoy, Brad Denman

Absent: Patrick Oster

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

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Report on Strawberry Festival. Insert regarding festival to be in the bulletin the weekend of May 12/13. Libs paving still has some paving to complete, but the storage building is finished. A chart has been drawn up regarding the whereabouts of the water lines and electric lines around the Parish Center and facilities. The Sound System upgrade for the Church is explained in Merle’s finance report. Father spoke to Rosie McCartin and Melvin Rosenberger regarding the Tom McCartin 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Date set for Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>. David will speak to John Rowan and Gene Sprigler regarding the meal to follow the parade. Bios are due in the weekend of June 16/17 for nominees for the new council members to replace 3 outgoing members. 5 to 6 candidates are being sought by the outgoing members. Father stated the reappointments for Pastor and Administrator assignments will take effect on the first weekend of July. Father Day will be reappointed to our Parish for another year.

### **COMMISSION REPORTS**

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

Sharon’s report: no report Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> was the last class for this school year and May Crowning was held on that Sunday. We had a very good turnout and it went very well. Coffee and Donuts were served in Smith Hall following the Crowning. Our thanks go to Larry Martin for pressure washing the statue of Mary and surrounding area and landscaping around the church sign.

#### **Catholic Youth Ministry**

Vicki’s report:

May 9 – Deanery Awards for High School Seniors – Ethan Kruer will be receiving a certificate of appreciation to his service to the Parish. The awards will be given at Mt. St. Francis at 6:30 pm.

May 20 – Senior Mass and Youth Day at St. John’s – Mass at 10 am, followed by Lunch, Festival set-up (chairs and tables in dining hall) and games outside.

June 12, 19, & 26 – Summer Daze for Middle School youth. June 12 will start with Mass at Mt. St. Francis, a few hours of work there at the Mount, then the social will be at the Main Event. June 19 & 26 location will be announced soon.

June 11-15 – OBOC at St. Meinrad. We have 4 youth attending this year: Maddie Martin, Genevieve Z., Jaren Barnes, and Elliott Lonnemann.

July 10 – 15 Wolfe Pack Mission – so far only Elliott Lonnemann is attending. There is room for more to go! 15 are signed up now. I will be encouraging more youth to attend.

Also, VBS at St. Mary's Navilleton is welcoming St. John's kids! I have a flyer to share.

Confirmation date is set! Our 13 youth will be Confirmed on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 11 am at OLPH in New Albany.

Look for pictures and a write up about Shanty Town in the most recent Criterion. John Merck from SMK submitted the photos and paragraphs.

I am still in need of an adult volunteer at the drink booth at the Strawberry Festival, for the second half of the day.

Thank you!

Vicki

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

Cathy's report: During the month of May the Rosary will be recited before all Masses. May 6<sup>th</sup> May Crowning/coffee and donuts. Many thanks to Bert Craig who was willing to wash the statue of Mary, but Larry Martin used pressure washer to clean it and the grotto area. May 12/13 Mother's Day, Father Bill Ernst here as Father Day will be away with family. May 24 the Circle of Giving with Archbishop Thompson will be using our church for a private Mass. Our students preparing for Confirmation will be serving. May 26<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festival.

Reports: Gifts, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers – List of those serving are complete. Choir now practicing every other week. Next practices are May 16, and May 30. We are seeking new choir members. Altar Servers – All students completing First Communion are eligible to be servers. Contact Father to set up a training session. Missionary Appeals – Sister 6/9-10 and Priest 7/7-8. Next meeting moved to June 5, 2018. All are welcome.

### **Building and Grounds Ministry**

Larry's report: Diagram of layout of building will be laminated and we will be able to draw lines on it for the water and gas lines. Larry also reported he will be attending an asbestos class in Jeff. The class also deals with lead paint. May 10<sup>th</sup> the fire extinguishers will be inspected and updated. Septic tanks will be cleaned on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Finance Council

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is \$62,205.41 and the balance in the gaming account is \$6,504.30. The Finance Council met on April 24th and addressed the following issues:

- Brought the group up to date on the new sound system for church. The contract has been signed at a cost of \$18,225; a down payment of \$4,556 (25%) has been paid to Knight Audio; the wiring for the new system has been run; the equipment has been ordered; and we are currently awaiting delivery so that installation can begin.
- Shared with the council an email which indicated that the ADLF-Cemetery account was to be closed as of April 30, 2018 and the balance of \$21,786.02 to be transferred to the St. John the Baptist, Starlight Endowment-Cemetery account.
- Updated the council on the payments made to date on the storage building renovation (\$9,577 and \$28,000).
- Updated the group on the current bank balances.
- Decided to add 12 new envelopes to the parishioner collection packets to increase the balances in the Endowment accounts as well as the ADLF-Outreach account. In alternating months parishioners would have the opportunity to donate either to the Endowment Funds or the Outreach Fund.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report was reviewed and approved. It will be in the bulletin the weekend of May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

The contract with WesBanco for E-tithing is up for renewal. A meeting to discuss it was scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Finance Council voted to not meet in May due to the proximity to the date of the Strawberry Festival. Anything needing immediate attention will be handled via email.

## Stewardship Commission

Lisa's report: Lisa reported the flyer for Marie's Ministries were 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>. We have been receiving donations, but still need more items.

**What needs to be communicated?** Nominating committee still needs more nominees for parish council. Rita will speak to Patrick to see if he has anyone for nomination. David will contact John, Gene and Melvin regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

## Questions, Comments, Concerns

Father reported Jim Book family tilled and seeded the areas of grass bushes and playground equipment that were removed by Greg and Luke Andres. Thanks goes out to them.

Next Executive meeting is June 5, 2018 at 6 pm

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 7 pm.

Father led us in closing prayer: **Father, We Give You Thanks.**