

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

July 10, 2018

Welcome: Brad, chairperson, welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Father led us in prayer, "Father, We Thank You".

Roll Call: Father Day, Brad Denman, Rita Smith, Merle Kruer, Leslie Smith, Mary Temple, Patrick Oster, Denise Corley, Lisa Heck, Larry Buechler, Cathy Graninger, Tina Lacy, Julie Coots, JoAnn Adams

Excused: Tracy Martin, Vicki Waterbury, David Miller, Sharon Schmidt

Absent: Darlene McCoy

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

New members were welcomed and outgoing members thanked for their 3 years of service. Election of officers as follows: Merle nominated David Miller for Chairperson, Cathy seconded. Denise nominated Brad Denman for Vice-Chairperson and Mary Temple for Secretary and Lisa seconded. All members in favor of new officers and new officers accepted positions.

Strawberry Festival update: Tina Lacy stated she is willing to help with taking over the dinner for the festival. August 16th is the date for the follow up meeting for festival.

Parade went well. Everyone liked the earlier start time. Father suggested inviting everyone for the dinner, not just festival workers. There were some people participating in the parade that didn't stay for the dinner, because they felt it was for festival workers only. Mary suggested having the flag pole moved from in front of the school building over by the gazebo. Tina Lacy will check with someone in regards to getting a new flagpole. Larry asked if we could also have the basketball goal removed from the parking lot area. All in favor of these changes.

Tina Lacy won the quilt made by Sr Mary Carol that was re-raffled the day of the parade.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry

Sharon's report: We had 3 applications turned in for the Richard Smith Scholarship. Due to a generous donation by an anonymous donor, all 3 applicants, Nina Kruer, Grant Williams and Eli Krussow will receive the scholarship this year.

Registration and the first class for Faith Formation is set for August 19th

Catholic Youth Ministry

Vicki's report:

Summer Daze and One Bread One Cup was a huge success! During Summer Daze we had middle school youth volunteering their time in helping out at The Refugee Center in Louisville, Mt. St. Francis, and St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic School. After our volunteering on three consecutive Tuesdays, we went for social fun at the Main Event, Jeffersonville Aquatic Center, and River Run. Although our fun at River Run got rained out, over all it was a great three week program for the middle schoolers.

The five youth and I prepared a report on our time at One Bread One Cup. It was a liturgical leadership conference at St. Meinrad the week of June 11-15. Please see it. I believe it will also be added to a weekend's bulletin. It amazes me how much the youth mature in their faith over these 5 days. They ask such great questions and feel open to talk with clergy and other adults as well.

Today I am leaving on the Wolfe Pack Mission Trip to Campton, Kentucky. Of the 24 high school youth we have one attending, Elliott Lonnemann, as well as my middle daughter Ashlyn, and myself. I was thrilled to find out that we also have a college youth volunteering to help, Olivia Lucas! I am in charge of cooking for the youth and volunteers this week. This is my second year working at the Wolfe Pack Mission Trip, which I feel is more like a "Service retreat". We work with Sr. Susan Pleiss in Campton, but also on ourselves. Different themes for the days include: Free from Fear, from Doubt, from Confusion, to know God, to Love God, and to serve God. We will return on Sunday late afternoon. Keep us in your prayers as you are in ours!

What's Next: The past 6 week of summer have been pretty busy. So, now I am going to take time and keep these kids engaged. I want to form a Youth Planning team and hold monthly gatherings for the youth. The high school students that attended OBOC will be meeting with Fr. Day and myself next week and we will bring this up. Also, possibly have a prayer hour once a month. But I would like to the youth to take ownership and lead this. Also, I have intentions to keep the middle school youth gathered again, at least on a quarterly basis outside of our normal annual events. I am working on some ideas with that.

Finally, we will be joining high school faith formation with St. Mary of the Knobs, especially for the youth that will be preparing for Confirmation in 2020. We will have around 4 youth participating, and it would make sense to join a well-run program like SMK offers. I will be working with Francine at SMK and plan to also look into a Junior/Senior program as well for our youth that are getting Confirmed. I want them to not feel like they are "graduating" from formation, but just beginning their adult formation.

Thank you! Vicki

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry

Cathy's report: There was no meeting in July

Building and Grounds Ministry

Larry's report: Larry reported he attended the asbestos and paint meeting to learn how to properly handle them. Jeff Rowan and Jarret Schmidt were the only 2 to respond back to Larry in regards to the landscaping around the parish facilities. Kyle Lynn and Tony Torres were also contacted but did not respond. Due to the fact that Jeff has the proper equipment to do the job and his bid being lower than Schmidt's lawn service, Lisa made a motion to accept Jeff's bid and Merle seconded.

Finance Council

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is \$65,285.61 and the balance in the gaming account is \$16,798.15.

The Finance Council met on June 26th. The following items were discussed.

- The most recent Mass Stipend Reconciliation was reviewed, reflecting a balance of \$3,200;
- Damon provided a copy of the results of the Strawberry Festival which reflected a net income of \$73,346;
- In anticipation of preparing the annual report to reflect bank balances within the Archdiocesan guidelines, we analyzed the composition of the general account and moved memorial, grave plot, mission and festival monies accordingly;
- Fr. Day reported that a monk from St. Meinrad will be in our parish the weekend of October 27-28;
- Fr. Day shared with the group a listing of special/extra collections taken up during the year and what each was for and who they benefited;
- We had 5 parishioners attend OBOC this summer at St. Meinrad. The total cost to the parish was \$2,200;
- Fr. Day presented a bulletin notice to inform our parishioners of our policy regarding tuition assistance for elementary and middle schoolers who attend certain Deanery schools;
- The annual inventory of buildings and their assessed value for insurance purposes was reviewed. A couple of changes were noted which were referred to the Archdiocesan insurance personnel;
- Fr. shared a letter from the Archdiocese advising of a policy change relative to background checks for those parish employees who have contact with minors. The change was from every 3 years to every 5 years for background re-checks;
- The Finance Council was put on notice that the Maintenance Committee will be seeking bids for someone to take care of the landscaping around the parish

buildings. No bids had been submitted as of our meeting;
- The final item for discussion was the budget for the new fiscal year 2018-2019. Merle presented a draft budget of \$280,397. After discussion the final budget figure was raised to \$283,397. I have a copy of the new budget if anyone is interested.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. however Fr. Day will be away on vacation so this meeting may or may not occur.

Merle also brought up at the PPC meeting the need for a canopy for the front entry door of the church. Patrick Oster agreed to get a committee to take care of this project.

Stewardship Commission

Lisa's report: We read and discussed the pamphlet "Sacred Giving in a World of Plenty".

Just a few notes to consider:

Sacrifice means "to Make Holy". How holy are we?

"Give it until it hurts" should really be "give until you are gratified and fulfilled". Are you gratified and fulfilled?

"The best way to thank God for his generosity is to be generous to others". Are we generous to others?

Please take time to read the attached pamphlet and reflect on your own giving.

We have submitted for the next bulletin a thank you for donations to Marie's Ministries. Attached is a copy. (Marie's Ministry Update from the Stewardship Ministry: Thank you to all who donated supplies in May for Marie's Ministry. We had a generous amount of diapers, wipes, and lotions to give to them. Also thanks to our group of parishioners that volunteer the 1st Tuesday of the month to work at Marie's to assist in servicing young mothers and their children. We will continue as a parish to collect Baby Wipes (refills only), size 4 and 5 diapers, baby wash and shampoo. You can drop any of these in the baskets by the church entrances marked Marie's Ministry. Thank you for your generosity.)

Our next meeting will be on August 22nd at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

Lisa

What needs to be communicated? Landscaper will be notified and Scholarship recipients will be announced in the bulletin.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

Next Executive meeting is August 7, 2018 at 6 pm

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7 pm.

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