

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

## Minutes

September 11, 2018

Welcome: David, chairperson, welcomed all.

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

Roll Call: Father Day, David Miller, Julie Coots, Sharon Schmidt, Leslie Smith, Larry Buechler, Cathy Graninger, Lisa Heck

Excused: Brad Denman, Merle Kruer, Denise Corley, Tina Lacy, Mary Temple, Darlene McCoy, Vicki Waterbury, JoAnn Adams

Absent:

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

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Goal for the United Catholic Appeal for our parish will go up the next 3 years. Goal set at \$16,125. November 10/11 is set for Intention Weekend.

Connected in Spirit – The schedule of Masses after the linking of St John, Starlight, and St Mary, Navilleton, is the main issue being discussed at this time. A committee has been appointed to come up with a schedule to present to the Archdiocese.

### **COMMISSION REPORTS**

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

Sharon's report: Attendance is down a little for Faith Formation. Four students will be making First Communion next spring.

#### **Catholic Youth Ministry**

Vicki's report: Attached is the upcoming Youth Ministry Schedule. I have informed middle and high school youth and parents of the upcoming activities.

Confirmation schedule: Final Class is Sept. 12 at 6:30 pm in Smith Hall. Then on Sept. 23 we are having a Sponsor/Candidate session at 9 am in the Office Basement. A light breakfast will be included. On Thursday, Oct. 25 there will be Confirmation Practice at 6:30 pm at OLPH. And then Confirmation will be on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 11 am at OLPH.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, was the deanery Youth Ministers meeting. Other items for our calendar and upcoming events that were discussed: March for Life – Registration is going on now. We are anticipating taking a bus to accommodate more youth. I am going to discuss this trip with youth at our next Confirmation gathering and email other youth as well. This is a GREAT opportunity, and I encourage all of them to attend. The trip is on Jan. 17-20 to Washington DC. We will attend 2 youth Pro-Life rallies while in DC, have Eucharist Adoration nightly, confessions, and Mass. We will have separate time to go

in small groups to DC museums and such as well. The trip is \$350. However, I will assume that if there is a kid that wants to attend, and money is an issue, the parish can also provide support.

Schickel Farm – Family and Youth Fall Mass. This annual family/youth mass is now on a Saturday evening this year, Sept. 29 at 6:30 pm. It is always a fun event to take kids to, as I have in the past. However, this year I will be in Washington DC with Highland Hills Middle School. Anyone is welcome to attend. I will get the address and info for the next bulletin, since we just got informed in emails. They have chili, bonfire, and hayrides. It's a great time!

I will be attending Providence Lunch visits this year monthly. And have planned to attend the first college visit to Purdue on Monday, Sept. 24. I will contact any youth at Purdue prior and hope to see them when we are there.

I think that's a wrap! Sorry, I am unable to attend the meeting this month!

God Bless! Vicki

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

Cathy's report: September 15/16 Catechetical Sunday

Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> – no CFF Classes/Fall break

October 17-24<sup>th</sup> Father will be away for a family wedding. Father Bill Ernst will be here for week end masses.

Saturday October 27 – 13 St. John Students will receive Confirmation.

Discussion: Baby Bottle Boomerang for St Elizabeth's will start October 7<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Rowan will coordinate. Rosary will be recited daily and on Sunday before Mass. November Book of Remembrance will be on the side altar. All Souls Day and Candles of deceased of this year (Eddie Missi and Darlene Koopman). Terri Sprigler will coordinate.

Reports: Gifts – All scheduled. Ushers – No report. Lectors – Lector Workbooks will be out early in November. Eucharistic Ministers – No report. Choir preparing for Veterans Day with a medley of songs representing each branch of the Armed Forces. Altar Servers – No report.

Next meeting date is October 2, 2018. All are welcome

### **Building and Grounds Ministry**

Larry's report: Larry reported on the Church Front Entrance project. The Clark County zoning Clerk approved the project. Father shared current blueprints and design.

### **Finance Council**

Merle's report: The balance in the general account is \$33,799.82 and the balance in the gaming account is \$16,798.15. The Finance Council did not meet in August therefore nothing more to report. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

## **Stewardship Commission**

Lisa's report: The Stewardship committee met last month to discuss: "Stewardship: A Way of Life". Notes taken and discussed were: The Three T's: time, talent and treasure. We are called to take our talents and multiply them, to shine Christ's light brightly and to use our resources to care for one another. When we share our presence, our prayers, our gifts, and our service, we continue Christ's mission. Time for God, families, for others, for ourselves: when all are balanced well, we feel our lives are in order. We all have talents! Take time to reflect on yours. Our talents have been entrusted to us to develop, grow, and share. What makes a person wealthy? In the words of the late Archbishop Thomas Murphy, "What do you own, and what owns you?" Tithing means to give not what is leftover, but rather to give to God first, as a sign of our love and trust. Our next scheduled meeting is 10/25/18 at 7:00 pm to discuss the Angel Tree and to hear from a Life Touch directory representative about a new picture directory.

**What needs to be communicated?** A *Connected in the Spirit* update for all Parishioners will be an insert in the bulletins on the weekend of 9/15-16.

## **Questions, Comments, Concerns**

**Next Executive meeting is October 2, 2018 at 6 pm**

**Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7 pm.**

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