

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

January 9, 2018

Welcome: Brad, chairperson, welcomed all.

Opening Prayer: Father led us in prayer, "Catholic Charities Prayer".

Roll Call: Father Day, Rita Smith, Larry Buechler, Leslie Smith, Darlene McCoy, Lisa Heck, Mary Temple, Tracy Martin, David Miller, Denise Corley, Patrick Oster, Vicki Waterbury, Brad Denman.

Excused: Merle Kruer, Sharon Schmidt, Cathy Graninger

Absent:

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Parish New Year Brunch: All pleased with the turnout and the meal served. Discussed the cleanup was started too soon. Some felt they could not stay and have fellowship longer with other parishioners or last ones served felt rushed to eat.

Christ our Hope Update: Father reported total of \$32,470.

Father received a thank you letter from Catholic Charities for donation of \$4,996.00 to Hurricane Harvey victims. Also a thank you from St. Elizabeth's Catholic Charities for baby bottle boomerang donation of \$1,272.40.

Approval of Hosparius Breakfast in January, Stroke Association Breakfast in March and Chili Supper date to be determined. Lisa made a motion to approve and Rita seconded.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry

Sharon's report: no report

Catholic Youth Ministry

Vicki's report:

This month's Confirmation session will be on January 10. Half the class was going to miss class last month, so we decided to move that session into our next scheduled class. Jim Nett will be talking with the youth about making good moral choices. The Archbishop has given the New Albany Deanery three options for Confirmation. Our possible Confirmation date will be one of the three: Oct 20, 21 or 27th. Our first choice is Oct. 27, since Fr. Day will be out of town the weekend prior. I submitted our choice to Fr. Eric Johnson, as he will be scheduling the churches in our deanery. We have 13 youth preparing for Confirmation.

This Sunday, December 17, we baked, decorated, and delivered cookies to the parishioners of St. John's. Mrs. Ginny Balmer had her kitchen prepped and dough made for us to start! Once we were finished and had our tubs full, we took cookies to: Esther Book, Jane and Dave Rowan, Jewell Cavins, Blanche Finn, Collette Zumstein, Marcella Kruer, Edna Stumler, Carolyn Holden, Phyllis Adams, Ronnie Sprigler, Leona Gibson, Helen Samples, and Paul Book. All were appreciative for the treats and also the visit with the youth. Even the youth were excited to see the lovely souls that they visit each December. It is a great tradition and glad the kids enjoy it!

Open Volleyball has been going well. Tim is gathering around 8 youth each time, coming in on Wednesday nights to play around. It's so nice to have a welcoming place here on parish grounds for the teens to come and hang out. Thank you so much! The season will not start until after Basketball is over, but we are just getting in some extra practice.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your youth.

Vicki

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry

Cathy's report: no report from Cathy, but Father stated they will meet again 1st part of February and Lent will be discussed.

Building and Grounds Ministry

Larry's report:

Dumpster for the cleanout and tear down of the old building has been delivered. Someone has volunteered to tear down the building and this will save on demo expense. REMC has installed the new light pole today. Playground equipment has all been removed from the grounds.

Finance Council

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is \$89,399.06 and the balance in the gaming account is \$3,422.30. The Finance Council did not meet in December.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:30 PM and all were invited to attend.

Stewardship Commission

Lisa's report:

The Stewardship Committee met on Wednesday 12-20-17.

We discussed the Angel Tree Project with Tracye Huber. St. John's Parish collected more than \$1,500.00 as well as an abundance of canned goods. With the donated money we purchased hams, potatoes, bread, laundry soap (along with the canned goods, bagged apples and gifts for the children) for each of the 17 families at Clark County Head Start. We were also able to give some hams and apples to the Austin Learning Center. Thank you to St. John's Parish for the tremendous generosity.

We also discussed Marie's Ministry. We wanted to do a special collection for them in January but have learned that St. Elizabeth will be doing a drive in February. We will wait to help them with that drive.

Our committee voted to only meet every other month unless an additional meeting is needed.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2-28-18 at 7:00. All are welcome.

What needs to be communicated:

It was suggested a Thank You be placed in the bulletin in regards to the Angel Tree Project to inform Parishioners of how well project went in December.

Bulletin notice for the breakfast in January.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

Merle asked what the guidelines for the Prayer list in the bulletin and the Prayer Chain were. We discussed the "rules" of how to get someone added to these lists.

Denise asked how new Parishioners are welcomed and suggested sending them a personal invitation to the Parish New Year's Brunch as well as continuing to introduce them at the Brunch.

Next Executive meeting is February 6, 2018 at 6 pm

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7 pm.

Father led us in closing prayers. Closing prayers: Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be; & St. John the Baptist, Pray For Us.