

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

August 14, 2018

Welcome: David, chairperson, welcomed all.

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

Roll Call: Father Day, David Miller, Brad Denman, Sharon Schmidt, Leslie Smith, Mary Temple, Larry Buechler, Cathy Graninger, Tina Lacy, JoAnn Adams, Vicki Waterbury, Darlene McCoy

Excused: Merle Kruer, Denise Corley, Lisa Heck, Julie Coots,

Absent:

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Roster of Parish Pastoral Council Members was reviewed and updated with additional changes.

Father will get the new goal for the 2018-19 United Catholic Appeal for our parish.

Connected in Spirit – the cohort members from all three parishes met concern implementation of the recommendations from the Archdiocesan Planning Commission. Smaller group will be meeting soon to decide how to move forward. Implementation is supposed to begin in January. More info to come.

Safe & Sacred – Child protection safety. Those involved with children need to take the course. The certification is good for 5 years.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry

Sharon's report: Registration and the first class for Faith Formation is set for August 19th

Catholic Youth Ministry

Vicki's report: Confirmation 2020 – Due to our next Confirmation group will be in the fall of 2020, we are in the midst of informing potential Confirmation Candidates the formation requirements and providing the best opportunity for them. This year all potential candidates will have access to either formation in the 8th grade here at St. John's, or if they are older at St. Mary of the Knobs. We will be joining high school youth there for Faith Formation. I will be assisting Francine at SMK, and we will work together in integrating our high school faith formation classes there. We are also looking into a Junior/Senior class for those that are being confirmed (this year) to continue their formation. A goal of mine is to help the current Confirmation class see Confirmation not as a graduation of formation, but as a lifetime of forming and strengthening their relationship with Christ and knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

Confirmation 2018 – Confirmation is set for Oct. 27, 2018 at OLPH at 11:00 am. We will have a few more gatherings, though most of our Confirmation formation is complete. I am in the process of scheduling a gathering for Candidates and Sponsors, and we will also have a practice with other parishes that will participate the day of. Dates and times will be sent out as soon as possible for everyone's convenience. Again, we will be discussing with the youth continuing formation either here or SMK, and possibly a Theology of the Body course would be good for them. Another item of discussion with the Confirmed youth will be where do they serve our parish after Confirmation? We will talk about the different ministries within our parish that they can serve.

Youth Activity Gathering is set for Sunday, August 19 at 9 am in the Youth Room. I will serve donuts and hopefully have a handful of youth join me in planning out this upcoming year of Youth Ministry events. We will be discussing service projects, prayer groups, and fun activities to strengthen community. I would like to add a few more parish events in our scheduling. However, getting the youth to help plan and organize such events, can only strengthen attendance!

The Work of Angels Dinner is Aug. 28 at 6 pm at Huber's Orchard and Winery. I invite all of you to attend with your spouses and see what great things the New Albany Catholic Youth Ministry office does to support our parish youth. Please contact me if you would like to attend. Archbishop Thompson is a guest speaker this year!

Thank you! Vicki

Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry

Cathy's report: Wednesday August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation/Assumption of Mary. Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. September 15/16 is Catechetical Sunday.

Discussion: All lector workbooks for 2019 ordered (38 copies) Vocations Crucifix for Parish Families – A signup sheet will be posted asking families to sign up for a week of prayer for vocations. Looking into an updated Children's Christmas Program on Christmas Eve. Looking into the possibility of a parish mission. More info later.

Reports: Gifts – all scheduled. Lectors – Lector Workbooks will be out in October. Eucharistic Ministers – Leslie Smith has asked for training. Choir still practicing every other week. Next practices are August 22, Sept 5th. Altar Servers – All students completing First Communion are eligible to be servers. Contact Father to set up a training session.

Next meeting moved to September 4, 2018. All are welcome.

Building and Grounds Ministry

Larry's report: The landscaping work has been done. All agreed it looks good. Expense was more than expected, but worth the price. Jeff will make monthly inspection to keep the grounds cleaned. Libs paving will be sealing and restriping the parking lot. The air conditioners are being repaired and one will need to be replaced. The exposed wood on the exterior of the Parish Office Building and Parish

Residence will be covered with aluminum. Lightning rod cable will be repaired on the church. Larry has called a couple places about a flag pole, but no one has returned his call at the time.

Finance Council

Merle's report:

The balance in the general account is \$39579.10 and the balance in the gaming account is \$16,798.15. The Finance Council did not meet in July therefore I have nothing more to report. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

UPDATE ON PORTICO FOR THE FRONT OF CHURCH

John Rowan and I met with Joey Andres to discuss and present the ideas we had regarding the portico over the front steps of church. We have six (6) objectives for this project which are:

1. Protect the front doors of the church from the weather.
2. Protect the front steps of church from snow and ice as much as possible.
3. Provide an adequate gathering space.
4. Complete the project within a reasonable budget.
5. Make it serviceable without a lot of bells and whistles – keep it simple.
6. Make the design complementary to the existing structure.

Based on our objectives Joey prepared an initial drawing which we took to the Renovation Project Committee on Thursday, August 2nd. After much discussion and varying ideas, Joey went to work again and based on our discussion, prepared four scenarios for our review. I have sent a portion of these drawings to the committee members for their review. We met last evening to go over the four drawings and selected the one that meets most or all of our objectives. We made some minor modifications to it and Joe Andres is making another drawing to incorporate these changes.

Stewardship Commission

Lisa's report: no report this month

What needs to be communicated? Safe and Sacred – notify those who need to take the course. They can get on line at Archindy.org to take the course.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

Next Executive meeting is Sept 4, 2018 at 6 pm

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7 pm.

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