

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes

May 14, 2019

Welcome: David Miller, Chairperson, welcomed all.

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

Roll Call: Father Day, David Miller, Brad Denman, Sharon Schmidt, Darlene McCoy, Cathy Graninger, Lisa Heck, Stephanie Willis, Tina Lacy, JoAnn Adams, Julie Coots, Denise Corley

Excused: Merle Kruer, Mary Temple, Larry Buechler, Leslie Smith

Approval of Minutes: Lisa Heck made a motion to approve minutes of April 9, 2019 meeting. JoAnn Adams seconded.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- * Annual Strawberry Festival Update - Bette Buechler provided a written report of festival information. Father gave the following updated information from Bette: Announcements will be made at all the masses the weekend of May 18th & 19th. Tents will be put up on Wednesday, May 22nd and Thursday morning, May 23rd in preparation for booth set up on Thursday evening. A broadcast prior to the festival will be shown on WDRB, Tuesday, May 21st beginning at 6:00 A.M.
- * Planning Team for Tom McCartin Memorial Parade/Cookout - Rosie McCartin, Melvin Rosenberger, John Rowan and Gene Sprigler have agreed to take care of the plans for the event. Father noted that July 4th is on a Thursday this year and that the parade/cookout has always been held the Sunday prior to the 4th which would be June 30, 2019 this year. Lisa Heck made a motion to approve holding the parade/cookout on June 30th and Darlene McCoy seconded. Father suggested that since the cookout is supposed to be a thank you to those who worked the festival, we have the cookout catered so festival workers don't have to also work the cookout. It was decided we would have to wait until the PPC meeting in June to make a final decision since we use hotdogs, brats, etc. left from the festival for the cookout. Denise will contact Rosie & Melvin to advise them of the approved date and Father will contact John & Gene.
- * Nomination Committee for Parish Pastoral Council Members - Brad Denman, Darlene McCoy & Leslie Smith will go off the Council at the July meeting. Each will need to get 2 candidates.
- * PPC Candidates Bio's - Candidate bio's will be published in the bulletin the weekend of June 15th-16th, 2019. Ballots will be in the bulletin the weekend of June 22nd-23rd, 2019. New members will begin their 3-year term at the July 2019 meeting and the old members will go off the council the same month.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry - Sharon's report

- * Adelynn Andres, Callistus Smith, Benjamin Stumler and Antonio Torres did make their First Communion on April 28th.
- * Our last Faith Formation class for grades K through 8th was the May 5th crowning of our Blessed Mother. We did have poor attendance this year.
- * The faith formation teachers have been very busy cleaning out their classrooms in preparation for the Strawberry Festival.
- * The forms for our Reverend Richard M. Smith Scholarship are at each door in the church. This is a \$500.00 scholarship awarded to a 6th grade and 8th grade member of our parish who will be attending a New Albany Deanery school this fall as a 7th grader and 9th grader.
- * Once again, St. Mary's Navilleton has invited St. John's and St. Mary's of the Knobs to join them in Vacation Bible School (VBS). The program this year is "ROAR" and it will be held July 16-18 from

6-9 pm at Navilleton. More information on how to register will be coming. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbors to join us.

* We started working on the 2019-2020 Faith Formation calendar.

Catholic Youth Ministry - Stephanie's Report

- * May 25th - Strawberry Festival - I am hoping to get plenty of youth to help with the drink booth this year! Currently have 20 youth volunteers for the booth and working on getting more.
- * May 26th - Senior Mass at St. John's - Mass at 8 AM, following mass we will have donuts and coffee in Smith Hall.
- * June 4, 11, 18 & 25 - Summer Daze for Middle School youth is from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. every Tuesday in June. I have been advertising this in the bulletin. I have sent emails and mailed out packets of information to families to try to reach out. Deadline to sign up is May 26th.
- * June 17-21 - OBOC at St. Meinrad - We have 2 youth attending this year: Maddie Martin and Austin Lacy. I am also taking two youth that are from the Lanesville and St. John Paul II parishes that do not have a group to attend with.
- * July 9-14 - Wolfe Pack Mission - We do not have any signed up. There is plenty of room for more to go! I will be encouraging youth to attend. I have been advertising this in the bulletin.
- * Also, VBS at St. Mary's Navilleton is welcoming St. John's kids! Michelle Popson has stated it will be July 16-18th in the evening. I will provide more information and a flyer once I receive that.
- * Shanty Town was April 19th-20th at St. Mary of the Knobs. We had 7 to attend. The youth participated in Silhouette Stations of the Cross, various service projects throughout the night, and an hour spent in the church with Jesus. 700 Easter eggs were filled for the Easter Sunday Egg Hunt at St. Mary of the Knobs, over 300 hot burritos were prepared and delivered to the homeless, 50+ cardboard boxes were donated and used for shanties to sleep in, 47 care kits in zip lock bags were assembled for the homeless, 25 birthday cards and flowers were made for the nursing home, 18 pillow cases were decorated for youth at the shelter, 10 college care packages were assembled, 7 baby blankets were made, 4 pans of brownies and cookies were made for the Fire House, and 3 pet beds were made for the animal shelter. The youth may have gotten little sleep, but much fun was had!

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Liturgical and Spiritual Life Ministry - Cathy's report

Cathy was not able to attend the May meeting. Father reported on a couple of items.

- * There will be Missionary Appeals on the following dates - Sister, July 20th-21st and Priest, August 17th-18th
- * There will be a Vocation flyer for Priests and Sisters in the bulletin the weekend of May 18-19th.
- * For those who attended the "10 Things a Disciple of Jesus Does" workshop each received books which Father has distributed.
- * The June meeting has been cancelled.

Buildings & Grounds Ministry - Larry's Report

Larry was excused from the meeting, so Father gave the following report.

- * Canopy/Portico has been approved. Steve Smith is working to get the contractors lined up.
- * Larry has been in touch with the man doing the steeple repairs. We are on his list of jobs.
- * Larry is scheduled for the annual asbestos certification class held by the Archdiocese.

Finance Council - Merle's report

The balance in the general account is \$99,725.80 and the balance in the gaming account is \$4,545.60.

The Finance Council met on April 23. At that meeting we took the following actions:

- * Updated the group on the status of the canopy/portico project;
- * Approved the latest Mass Stipend account reconciliation;
- * Shared with the group the Fish Fry income and expense report;
- * Approved the Third Quarter Financial Report;
- * Reviewed the first draft of the budget for the new fiscal year;
- * Shared a Thank You letter received from the National Fire Safety Council, Inc. acknowledging the parish donation to the Lafayette Fire Department to sponsor their fire protection program in schools;

- * Shared the parish information requested by the Archdiocese regarding households, number of parishioners, average attendance at each mass, the distance to the closest parish to St. John's, etc.;
- * Fr. shared with the group the St. Meinrad collection amount and the fact that it may not be worth having someone from St. Meinrad come to speak. He will take this into consideration when the request is received for the new fiscal year;
- * Fr. advised the group that the web page was undergoing a re-fresh. A noticeable change should be coming soon;
- * Fr. reported that the new donation envelopes have been ordered and there are several changes to the special collections for the new year;

There were no other issues brought before the group and the next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Canopy/Portico

We have received approval from the Archdiocese, as well as from the State, and have a permit from the County to begin work on the project. Work will not begin until after June 8th as we have a wedding on that date here at St. John's. The cost may run higher than anticipated due to some of the changes requested by the Archdiocese. We have the necessary funds in our ADLF account.

Stewardship Commission - Lisa's report

- * Plating of Palm class was held between Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday. Approximately 20 people joined in on the fun. We will consider doing this again next year and if we do, we will attempt to announce further in advance of event and work on better/more teaching flyers.
- * Marie's Ministry Flyers were in bulletin the weekend of May 11th-12th and will be in bulletin the weekend of May 18th-19th. The Stewardship Commission is working on a Christmas in July campaign to collect supplies to be used in the Christmas baskets. St. John's has a group consisting of Father, Bette Buechler, Mary Jane Adams, JoAnn Adams' mother, Karen Balmer, Cathy Graninger, Diane Martin, Betty Roll, Marilyn Rowan, Terry Sprigler & Stephanie Warren who volunteer the first Tuesday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. distributing items to those in need. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Bette Buechler.
- * Work is continuing on the Parish Pictorial Directory to take place on August 1st-3rd and August 5th-7th.

What Needs to be Communicated:

- * Denise will contact Rosie McCartin & Melvin Rosenberger & Father will contact John Rowan and Gene Sprigler regarding the date for the Tom McCartin Memorial Parade/Cookout.
- * Bios for new Parish Pastoral Council members.
- * Stephanie will post about Vacation Bible School (VBS).
- * "Refreshed" parish web page.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

Next PPC Executive Committee meeting is Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Father lead us in the closing prayer, "Father, We Give You Thanks".