

St. Bernard Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Albers, Illinois

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: St. Bernard Church

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the opening prayer. Ms. Templin provided a spiritual reflection by sharing an excerpt of Pope Francis' homily from the Easter Vigil.

The February 2, 2016 minutes were approved via email.

The website is www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Kris Anne Becker, Lynette Huegen, Kristen Templin,
Kim Wieter, Jim Williams, Brian Zurliene

Members Not Present: Nick Friederich, Luke Niemeyer, Stefanie Rickhoff

Ex-officio Trustee and Pastor: Father Jack Joyce (not present)
Ex-officio Catechetical Ministry Dir.: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer (present)
Ex-officio Trustee: Steve Schomaker (present)
Ex-officio Trustee: Rita Poettker (present)

OFFICERS: **President:** Kristen Templin
 Vice-President: Kris Anne Becker
 Secretary: Lynette Huegen

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

Building and Maintenance: Brian Zurliene
Education: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Kristen Templin, Kim Wieter
Liturgy: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Stefanie Rickhoff
Parish Partnership: Kristen Templin, Luke Niemeyer

PARISH LIFE:

- The February 2, 2016 minutes were approved via email, inserted in the bulletin and posted on the website.
- Ms. Templin discussed Parish Council committees. The recommendation was made to postpone further discussion until a new pastor is named.
- All of the weekend masses are scheduled for April and May (except for one weekend), and the Diocese will inform us of any decision regarding our pastor.
- Confirmation is to be held at St. Damian on April 6th.

FINANCE COUNCIL:

- The general reports were reviewed by the Council. A motion to approve the finance general reports was made by Kim Wieter and seconded by Lynette Huegen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Maintenance

- Mr. Schomaker reported that the handicap automatic door at the south entrance of the Church was installed and paid for by parishioner donations and memorials.
- Deacon Glenn reported that the chair lift had been installed. Mr. Schomaker added that this endeavor was made possible via donations. The donors will be recognized for their generosity.
- Mr. Schomaker stated that a recent Cemetery Committee meeting was held and noted that the cemetery grounds will be leveled out.
- Mr. Schomaker also stated that there was a recommendation to purchase new tables for the Parish Center. The tables can be purchased for a reasonable price at Sam's Club. A motion to purchase 8 – 8 foot tables was made by Jim Williams and seconded by Kris Anne Becker.

Education

- Nothing to report.

Liturgy

- First Communion is scheduled for May 1st at St. Bernard and May 7th at St. Damian.

Men's Club

- Nothing to report.

Ladies' Sodality / Quilt Committee

- Nothing to report.

VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:

- Already discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The parking lot lease agreement will be further discussed at the June meeting.
- The majority of the Parish Directories have been handed out or delivered.
- A St. Bernard Facebook page has been created and it looks great!

NEW BUSINESS:

- The communication policy discussion has been tabled.
- Mr. Schomaker recommended that the Parish Council create and enter a float in the Albers125 parade.
- Discussion ensued in regard to whether or not St. Bernard should have the Fall Fest this year. A recommendation was made to send a letter to the parishioners from the Parish Council that St. Bernard would forego the Fall Fest this year due to the decline in profits and the multitude of Albers events to be held.
- Furthermore, Mr. Schomaker made a recommendation in regard to the "Feast of St. Bernard" raffle. He suggested offering more prizes by selling more tickets (300 tickets @ \$100/each) and advertising this sale as a one-time fundraiser to replace the Fall Fest. We will be asking all parish families to sell 2-3 tickets in order to achieve our budgeted fund-raising goal of \$20,000. In doing so, we will also increase the prize package to one \$5,000 grand prize and three \$1,000 prizes (assuming we are able to sell 300 tickets).

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Parking lot lease agreement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None at this time.

NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- Closing prayer.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm based on a motion by Jim Williams and seconded by Brian Zurliene.