

St. Bernard Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Albers, Illinois

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: St. Bernard Church

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the opening prayer.

The December 1, 2015 minutes were approved via email.

The website is www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Kris Anne Becker, Lynette Huegen, Luke Niemeyer, Stefanie Rickhoff, Kristen Templin, Kim Wieter, Jim Williams

Members Not Present: Nick Friederich, Brian Zurliene

Guest: Jeanne Langenhorst

Ex-officio Trustee and Pastor: Father Jack Joyce (present)
Ex-officio Catechetical Ministry Dir.: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer (not 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 December 1, 2015 minutes were approved via email, inserted in the bulletin and posted on the website.
- Fr. Jack stated that he reviewed and approved the updated Parish Council Constitution.
- Appreciation was extended to Steve Schomaker and Rita Poettker for putting together the Joint Parish Council holiday dinner.
- Further discussion of Parish Council committees was tabled for a future meeting. Jeanne Langenhorst stated that there is a requirement for participation with sister parishes (Parish Partnership Committee).

FINANCE COUNCIL:

- Jeanne Langenhorst walked through all of the General Reports in detail with the Council by explaining the purposes of the various accounts and notes on the statements. The Council appreciated the time and information that Jeanne shared at the meeting.
- A motion to approve the finance general reports was made by Lynette Huegen and seconded by Stefanie Rickhoff.
- The Parish financial reports were inserted with the annual contribution statements. Copies not picked up as of February 2, 2016 were mailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Maintenance

- Steve Schomaker stated that the rug in front of the Blessed Virgin is worn out, but it will not be replaced at this time.
- Steve Schomaker also reported that the Knights of Columbus (along with funds from other donors) will be purchasing and paying to install a handicap automatic door at the south entrance of the Church.
- Steve Schomaker stated that there is the possibility that donations may be made for the purchase and installation of a chair lift for the choir loft. More information will be provided at a later date. A motion to move forward with this endeavor, assuming all of the donations are received, was made by Stefanie Rickhoff and seconded by Jim Williams.

Education

- The CYM soup lunch is scheduled for Sunday, February 7 from 11-2.

Liturgy

- Stefanie Rickhoff reported that the dates for all Masses had been set (i.e. First Communion).

Men's Club

- Steve Schomaker reported that \$14,480.13 was the net profit from the Wurstmarkt.

Ladies' Sodality / Quilt Committee

- Appreciation was given for those who attended the Faith, Fellowship and Fun Appreciation Evening event on January 31, 2016. Casseroles were made and enjoyment was had. Through all of the various activities between St. Bernard and St. Damian parishes, approximately 170-180 casseroles were prepared and donated for Cosgrove's Kitchen.

VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:

- Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There is no update on the parking lot lease agreement.
- The Parish Directory is being printed.
- We discussed various means for increasing communications to our parishioners, including preferences (i.e. text, email) and permissions. The possibility of creating a Facebook page was recommended. Means of communication will be discussed at the next meeting and/or in conjunction with the distribution of the Parish Directories.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Steve 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 due to the decline in profits.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Discuss the "Feast of St. Bernard" Raffle at the April meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Parish received a letter from Mater Dei that John Wieter is finishing his term as the Parish representative and a new representative from St. Bernard is to be named.

NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- Closing prayer.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm based on a motion by Stefanie Rickhoff and seconded by Luke Niemeyer.

Minutes Prepared by: Lynette Huegen