

St. Bernard Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Albers, Illinois

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm, followed by the welcoming of Father Anthony and the opening prayer. Ms. Huegen provided the spiritual reflection in regard to peace.

The June 7, 2016 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

Ex-officio Administrative: Fr. Anthony Onyango (present)
Ex-officio Catechetical Ministry Dir.: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer (not present)
Ex-officio Trustee: Steve Schomaker (present)
Ex-officio Trustee: Rita Poettker (present)

Guest: Jeanne Langenhorst

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 June 7, 2016 minutes were approved via email, inserted in the bulletin and posted on the website.
- Ms. Templin mentioned the appointing of Parish Council committees and recommended tabling the discussion.
- Fr. Anthony mentioned the possibility that the parish office reside at St. Damian in the spirit of parish partnership since he resides at St. Bernard's rectory. This is a consideration for the future.
- Recognition plans are underway for Linus Meier, Roman Kloeckner and Pat Litteken and their families for Mass on August 28th for their significant charitable donations.
- Due to the minimal usage of the Sam's Club membership, Jeanne recommended that the Parish discontinue paying for that annual membership.

FINANCE COUNCIL:

- The general reports were reviewed by the Council. A motion to approve the finance general reports was made by Stefanie Rickhoff and seconded by Kris Anne Becker.
- The distribution of the Parish financial and budget report for the parishioners was also approved on a motion made by Lynette Huegen and seconded by Stefanie Rickhoff.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Maintenance

- Mr. Schomaker provided an update on rectory improvements that were made or still need to be made. The Men's Club donated a new refrigerator and bed. The Ladies' Sodality donated the washer and dryer. The Knights of Columbus are in the process of purchasing new living room furniture. Mr. Schomaker stated that remaining improvements include fixing the shower, repainting and removing the kitchen wallpaper and painting.

Education

- Ms. Rickhoff provided the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry updates for Deacon Glenn.
- The Youth Ministry softball season is finishing up and there were two teams from our parishes. The Youth Ministry kids also went to Holiday World.
- The Evangelist meeting was held on July 28th. Five Mater Dei students will assist with teaching.
- Adult Bible Education to begin in October.
- Confirmation will be held at St. Bernard's in April. Confirmation retreats will be at the Shrine in October and at Ruma in March.

Liturgy

- Mass for "Feast of St. Bernard" on Sunday, August 21st.
- Due to Assumption falling on Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation.

Men's Club

- Nothing to report.

Ladies' Sodality / Quilt Committee

- Thank you to the Ladies' Sodality and all who made Fr. Anthony's welcome a success.

VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:

- Fr. Anthony reported that there is a meeting at Mater Dei on August 16th from 1-4 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

- As no feedback was provided by the Albers School Board for the most recent letter sent, the Parish Council continued to support the increase of the lease to \$4,500 and the bill will be sent as such.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Schomaker reported that the Veteran's Day festivities will be in Albers. There will be Mass and the Veteran's Day parade with a celebration following at the Legion.
- We need to continue to promote ACH contributions. Luke Niemeyer recommended a pulpit talk to possibly take place on September 25th before the start of Mass.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- The Parish Council divided up the list of parishioners that had not yet turned in their Feast of St. Bernard raffle tickets and would be contacting them. Approximately 100 tickets remain to be sold to reach the goal of selling 300 tickets.
- Details for Fundraiser Survey (post raffle). Considering using an electronic survey (i.e. Survey Monkey).
- Expectations for liturgy (finalize questions).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mr. Schomaker reminded the Parish Council that the Wurstmarkt would be held in October.
- Fr. Anthony provided a message in regard to cooperating and restructuring among our parishes. He shared the title of 3 books that he has read or is reading in regard to strengthen communication: Rebuilt, Tools Rebuilding and Rebuilding Your Message.

NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Anthony.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm based on a motion by Luke Niemeyer and seconded by Stefanie Rickhoff.

Minutes Prepared by: Lynette Huegen