

St. Bernard Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Albers, Illinois

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: St. Bernard Church

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm, followed by the opening prayer.

The October 6, 2015 minutes were approved via email.

The website is www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Lynette Huegen, Stefanie Rickhoff, Kati Schwierjohn, Kevin Strubhart, Kristen Templin, Brian Zurliene

Members Not Present: Nick Friederich, Luke Niemeyer, Kim Wieter

Ex-officio Trustee and Pastor: Father Jack Joyce (not 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: Stefanie Rickhoff

Secretary: Lynette Huegen

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

Building and Maintenance: Kevin Strubhart, Brian Zurliene

Education: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Kristen Templin, Kim Wieter, Kati Schwierjohn

Liturgy: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Stefanie Rickhoff

Parish Partnership: Kristen Templin, Luke Niemeyer

PARISH LIFE:

- The October 6, 2015 minutes were approved via email, inserted in the bulletin and posted on the website.
- Nominations have been accepted for new Parish Council members. Appreciation was extended to Stefanie, Kati and Kevin for 3 years of service.
- The first draft of the revised Parish Council Constitution was issued on December 1, 2015 to the Parish Council members. Per some discussion, Kristen Templin will revise the draft and then share with the Parish Council and ask Fr. Jack to share this draft version with the Diocese.

FINANCE COUNCIL:

- The Finance Council is working on finding a replacement for John Majchrzak.
- A motion to approve the finance general reports was made by Stefanie Rickhoff and seconded by Brian Zurliene. A suggestion was made to ask Jeanne Langenhorst to come to the next meeting to explain the various Finance reports in more detail.
- The net profit from the St. Bernard's Fall Festival was \$8,260.07.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Maintenance

- Brian Zurliene and Steve Schomaker will look at the rug in front of the Blessed Virgin that is bad.

Education

- Stefanie Rickhoff provided Deacon Glenn's report for Catholic Youth Ministry and Faith Formation.
- CYM: 104 Operation Christmas Child boxes were delivered (30 more than last year). The soup event is set for February 7.
- Faith Formation: Faith Family night for second graders at St. Damian's was held on November 18. 15 children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Joint Parish Penance service is scheduled for December 6 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Damian's. The Thanksgiving food drive resulted in a collection of over 4,000 items.
- The Fall Bible session was completed on November 23.

Liturgy

- Stations of the Crib will be on December 20 at 6:00 p.m.
- Confirmation will be held at St. Damian on April 6.
- First Communion will be on May 1 at St. Bernard and May 7 at St. Damian.
- The Advent/Christmas Mass schedule was reviewed. A recommendation was made to change the New Year's Eve Mass from 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Bernard.
- The Advent Giving Tree is coordinated by Melissa Netemeyer.
- The Church will be decorated on December 18.

Men's Club

- Steve Schomaker reported that \$7,500 of the Wurstmarkt funds would be transferred to Church funds.

Ladies' Sodality / Quilt Committee

- Nothing at this time.

VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:

- See notes in Education and Liturgy above.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kristen Templin stated that the final draft of the parish directory was sent to Lifetouch and a proof is due at the end of December.
- In regard to the parking lot lease agreement, a revised letter with justification for the increased lease amount was sent back to the school board representative. The current year lease payment of \$4,000 was received.
- The new copier arrived on November 25.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Master Calendar to be discussed with Jeanne Langenhorst.
- Joint Parish Holiday dinner to be hosted by St. Bernard. Possible dates of January 15 or 22.
- Family Fun Night – Possible date in February and considering other activities, such as bowling.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Nothing at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A suggestion was made to include a tithing recommendation chart with the year-end contributions statement.
- Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Holy Family Society for the new landscaping at the Church.

NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- Closing prayer.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Minutes Prepared by: Lynette Huegen