

St. Bernard Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Albers, Illinois

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: St. Bernard Rectory

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

The April 7, 2015 minutes were approved upon a motion made by Kati Schwierjohn and seconded by Kevin Strubhart.

The website is www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Nick Friederich, Lynette Huegen, Luke Niemeyer, Kati Schwierjohn, Kevin Strubhart, Kristen Templin, Kim Wieter, Brian Zurliene

Members Not Present: Stefanie Rickhoff

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: Stefanie Rickhoff
 Secretary: Lynette Huegen

Welcome Dave Kassen (St. Damian Parish Representative).

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 Parish Council has elected to make the meeting minutes available to the parishioners. As such, the approved April 7, 2015 minutes, and all future minutes, will be shared via the bulletin and website. The Parish Council intends for the minutes to be made available to the parishioners by the last Sunday of the month in which the meeting was held.

FINANCE COUNCIL:

- Steve Schomaker presented the budget. A motion to approve the budget was made by Luke Niemeyer and seconded by Kati Schwierjohn.
- Discussion continued regarding the direct deposit/ACH contribution option. The Parish Council will proceed with this effort. Luke Niemeyer will contact Jeanne to further pursue steps to take with FCB and communication amongst the parishioners.

GENERAL REPORTS:

- Monthly financial reports were distributed (via email).
- A motion to approve the reports was made by Kati Schwierjohn and seconded by Luke Niemeyer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Maintenance

- The Church roof was completed for a total of \$63,583. Donations were received from the Ladies' Sodality and Men's Club, with the remainder being funded from the Capital Campaign Fund. Steve Schomaker commented that the roof replacement went well and was completed in a timely manner.
- A chair lift for the choir loft is still being looked into and a recommendation was made to look at Craig's List.
- The upstairs air conditioner in the Church needs to be replaced. It is 30+ years old. Derrek Wellen can get a brand new replacement unit for ~\$6,000 and will install the unit and replace the duct work himself (donate his labor). The funds for the air conditioner can be taken from the bingo account. A motion was made by Luke Niemeyer and seconded by Lynette Huegen to replace the air conditioner. Work will begin soon.
- The Church has a lease agreement with the school for the parking lot. The annual lease amount has been \$4,000/year, plus the sharing any snow removal costs, since 2002. A recommendation was made to increase the lease to \$5,500/year. Steve Schomaker is to draft a letter and send to the school. A motion was made by Kevin Strubhart and seconded by Luke Niemeyer.

Education

- 4 Mater Dei students will be assisting with Faith Formation at St. Bernard and 2 will be assisting at St. Damian for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Bernard June 15-17.

Liturgy

- Nothing at this time.

Men's Club

- Donated \$16,000 for the church roof.

Ladies' Sodality / Quilt Committee

- Donated \$22,250 for the church roof.
- Steve Schomaker commended the current Ladies' Sodality officers for a job well done on the recent bingo. A note will be made in the next bulletin to recognize the Sodality.

VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:

- Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kristen Templin provided a parish directory update. The parish directory will be updated in conjunction with St. Damian Parish. Picture dates have been set for August and September. Lifetouch will be preparing the directories.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kristen Templin asked all Parish Council members to review the Parish Council Constitution by the next meeting.
- Steve Schomaker briefly discussed the Fall Fest. It was decided that the car show should continue to be a part of the activities and suggested that a new chair person may need to be found.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Discuss Saturday mass times at next meeting. Consider changing the mass time to 4:30 pm for a trial period.
- Further discuss the Fall Fest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dave Kassen stated that a \$500 memorial donation was being made to St. Bernard on behalf of his mother, Florence Kassen. He asked that consideration be given to the installation of an automatic door opener for the wheel chair ramp. Kevin Strubhart volunteered to look on Craig's List for one.

NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center Meeting Room.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Jack Joyce.
- On a motion made by Luke Niemeyer and seconded by Nick Friederich, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes Prepared by: Lynette Huegen