

**St. Bernard Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Albers, Illinois**

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: St. Bernard Parish Meeting Room

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

There were no minutes to approve.

The website is www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Lynette Huegen
Luke Niemeyer
Stefanie Rickhoff
Kati Schwierjohn
Kevin Strubhart
Kristen Templin
Kim Wieter

Members Not Present: Brian Zurliene
Nick Friederich

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

A motion was made and approved to appoint the new officers of the St. Bernard Parish Council.

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:

- As noted above, new officers were elected to the St. Bernard Parish Council.
- The Parish Council is considering making the meeting minutes available to the parishioners.

FINANCE COUNCIL:

- Rita Poettker discussed the recent meeting with the FCB representative from Belleville, who introduced the direct deposit option for parish contributions.
 - There is an approximate \$400 one time set-up fee that the parish would incur (cost may be negotiable).
 - It will take approximately 7 days for set-up.
 - ~10% of the parishioners would have to participate in this program to make it worthwhile.
 - The Parish Council discussed options for communication to the parishioners.
 - This topic will be further discussed at future meetings.

GENERAL REPORTS:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Maintenance

- The Church roof replacement would be starting soon, possibly within the next week (weather permitting). It will take ~ 2 weeks to complete.
- Checking into the cost of a chair lift for bringing people upstairs. This is estimated to be >\$20,000.
- Other building improvements (including the rectory) are on hold.

Education

- Kim Wieter reported on the Catholic Youth Ministry, including DYC, planning for NCYC and the preparation of the Easter eggs by the CYM.
- Recommendation to increase the Faith Formation registration fee to \$50 per child, with a family maximum of \$100. A motion was made and seconded.
- Consideration is being given to revising the Faith Formation report cards.
- Jeanne Langenhorst provides a listing of the potential Sunday school participants to Stacy Schroeder.
- Adult Bible education has ended, and the next Bible study will be during the summer in conjunction with St. George.
- Positive comments, particularly for the music, were given in regard to the Easter liturgies.
- The Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Bernard after the annual rummage sale.

Liturgy

- The First Communion retreat will be held on April 11th and First Communion will be on April 19th.
- Confirmation will be held on April 22nd.

Men's Club

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

Ladies' Sodality / Quilt Committee

- Agreed to donate \$15,000 for the church roof (funds not yet received).
- The current donation amount is \$300 per quilt. The Ladies' Sodality to determine if this amount is enough.

VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:

- Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion ensued in regard to the potential costs associated with repairing the rectory (i.e. new windows, new roof, new ventilation) vs. building a new rectory.
- Lively Grove has a rectory that also doubles as a meeting area, where town hall type meetings could be held.
- Parish Directory – The Parish Council is in favor of pursuing a new parish directory, possibly in conjunction with St. Damian Parish. Looking into possible fall dates.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Discuss Saturday mass times at next meeting.
- Consider changing the mass time to 4:30 pm for a trial period of May – August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Steve Schomaker recommended that the church bells be rung at 2:15 pm on April 9th to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the surrender ceremony at Appomattox Court House. He will be in contact with the elementary school to ask them to join in the nation-wide observance of the anniversary of the war's end.

NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm at the rectory.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Minutes Prepared by: Lynette Huegen