

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

**Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

**Time: 7:00 P.M.**

**Place: St. Bernard Meeting Room**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., followed by the opening prayer by Father Anthony. The Spiritual Reflection for this meeting was done by Kris Anne Becker.

The October 1, 2019 minutes were approved via email.

The website is [www.stbernardandstdamian.org](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org).

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Austen Lake, Ed Wuebbles, Penny Angeli, Stacy Schroeder, Kris Anne Becker

**Members Not Present:** Ann Cannaday, Cory Goestenkers

**Ex-officio Administrative:** Fr. Anthony Onyango (present)

**Ex-officio Pastoral Associate/DRE:** Deacon Glenn Netemeyer (present)

Deacon Kevin Templin (present)

**Ex-officio Trustee:** Steve Schomaker (present)

**Ex-officio Trustee:** Jeanette "Nettie" Broeckling (present)

**Guests:** Dan Love – Finance Council

Sister Ellen

Jim Williams

Gary Kharibian

**OFFICERS:**

**President:** Cory Goestenkers

**Vice-President:** Penny Angeli

**Secretary:** Austen Lake

**Sister Ellen's announcements:**

- Saturday December 7, 10:00 PM at St. Damian
  - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe for Mañanitas, a serenade of Mary for her birthday
- Sunday December 8, 9:30 AM at St. Bernard, 11:00 AM at St. Damian
  - Following the Mass there will be a fiesta in the gym
- Saturday December 21, 6:30 PM at St. Bernard Church and pastoral center
  - The posada, rosary and walk with Mary and Joseph looking for a place at the inn

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### ***Building and Maintenance***

- Completed work on roof gutters in the valley, has 4 year warranty
- Sean will patch paint in the choir loft caused by roof leak
- Rich painted doors by sacristy and handrail outside of church by handicap area
- Accepting donations for parking lot and cemetery road

### ***Education:***

- There were 23 second graders that received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Joint Parish Penance service was held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM in St Damian
- Thanksgiving food drive went well, despite the bad weather
- Donations being collected for Maren Poettker, 2 year old girl from Aviston diagnosed with cancer
  - There will be an angel or animal set up in the nativity scene in church for each donation
  - Please keep Maren and her family in your prayers

### ***Liturgy:***

- The December 8th Immaculate Conception mass moved to Monday, December 9th

## **VICARIATE:**

- The Parish is healthy financially, reached diocese amount but collections are still down
- If we don't want parishes to be shut down, we must look to make our parishes healthier
- Attendance is also down along with contributions
- Exploring more donation payment options:
  - More ACH
  - Once or twice a month auto payments
  - Digital options like Venmo
- Employees total Christmas bonus = \$925
- Vicariate meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> from 3PM to 5PM

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Choir director vacancy has been temporarily filled

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Nominations for Parish Council have been collected to replace Stacy, Lynn, and Austen
- Parish council elections will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>
- Gary Kharibian will replace Luke for last year of his term
- Joint Parish Council Dinner will be catered at legion, date TBD

## **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

- Follow up on ACH, Venmo, and other payment options

## **NEXT MEETING:**

- Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
- Closing prayer by Father Anthony
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

**Minutes Prepared by:** Austen Lake