

St. Bernard Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Albers, Illinois

Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2018

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 Fr. Anthony Onyango. The Spiritual Reflection was done by Austen Lake this meeting.

The October 2, 2018 minutes were approved via email.

The website is www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Kris Anne Becker, Luke Niemeyer, Austen Lake, Casey Etter, James Williams

Members Not Present: Ed Wuebbles, Lynne Huelsmann, Stacy Schroeder, Stefanie Rickhoff

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

Ex-officio Pastoral Associate/DRE: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer (not present)

Deacon Kevin Templin (present)

Ex-officio Trustee: Steve Schomaker (present)

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

Guests: Deacon Steve M. Eischens
Dan Love
Richard Albers

OFFICERS:

President: Kris Anne Becker

Vice-President: Luke Niemeyer

Secretary: Austen Lake

PARISH LIFE:

- The North Central Vicariate Youth Initiative are looking for students who are interested in a leadership role within the ministry. More detail in the article given by Deacon Steven Eischens
 - Event is July 7th – 14th or July 14th – 21st 2019
- Richard Albers will now be helping work on the Parishes grounds
- There were 38 nominations for the open Parish Council positions which will be elected on Dec 15th - 16th
 - There are 2 men and 2 women that agreed to be on the ballot so far:
 - Penny Angell
 - Ann Cannaday
 - Cory Goestenkers
 - Greg Kassen
- Joint Parish Council Dinner for St. Bernard and St. Damian is tentatively scheduled for January 25, 2019 and will be held at the Albers Legion

FINANCE COUNCIL:

- At the December 4th meeting, it was agreed on that no changes will be made to the budget at this time.
- With extra donations around the holiday season the budget should finish the year in good standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Maintenance

- There will be further discussion and research about the major renovations to the church in the upcoming months
 - The list of things that needs improved are:
 - New flooring
 - Statues
 - Stations of the Cross
 - Angels
 - Stained glass
 - Church bell repairs
- Steve will talk to the contractors and get estimates for the renovation costs.
- In order to pay for renovations there will be a capital campaign.

Education:

- Everything with the Youth Ministry is going well
- Students are still preparing for Confirmation and the bible study is still meeting

Liturgy:

- Immaculate Conception Mass: Saturday, Dec. 8th at 9:00 AM at St. Damian
- Holiday Mass Schedule:
 - Christmas Eve:
 - St. Bernard – 10:00 PM
 - St. Damian – 4:00 PM
 - Spanish Mass at St. Damian – 7:00 PM
 - Christmas Day:
 - Joint Parish Mass at St. Damian – 9:00 AM
 - New Year's Eve: NO MASS
 - New Year's Day:
 - Joint Parish Mass at St. Bernard – 9:00 AM
- Changes in Monday Schedule starting in January:
 - Prayer Service with Communion at St. Damian – 7:45 AM
 - Mass at St. Damian – 6:30 PM
- Take Down Christmas Decorations:
 - Saturday, Jan. 12th at 8:00 AM at St. Damian
 - Monday, Jan. 14th at 6:00 PM at St. Bernard

VICARIATE:

- The North Central Vicariate Meeting was held Tuesday, Dec. 4th at Noon at St. Barbara in Okawville

OLD BUSINESS:

- Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction is still ongoing every Wednesday night rotating between parishes
- The Church will be switching from Homefield Energy to Ambit in order to save the parish money.
 - Ambit is not accepted for the Shed since it is listed as commercial.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Joint Parish Council Dinner is tentatively scheduled for January 25, 2019 at Albers Legion, but the details are not finalized yet

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Introductions of new parish council members
- Luke Niemeyer will do the Spiritual Reflection for the February Meeting
- Discuss kids that may be interested in the North Central Vicariate Youth Initiative

NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Anthony Onyango
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Minutes Prepared by: Austen Lake