

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

**Date:** Tuesday, August 4, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** St. Bernard Church

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

The June 2, 2015 minutes were approved via email.

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

**Guest:** Jeanne Langenhorst

**Ex-officio Trustee and Pastor:** Father Jack Joyce (present)  
**Ex-officio Catechetical Ministry Dir.:** Deacon Glenn Netemeyer (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 June 2, 2015 minutes were approved via email, inserted in the bulletin and posted on the website.

**FINANCE COUNCIL:**

- Jeanne Langenhorst reported that as of July 31, 2015, \$4,000 from savings and \$3,000 from the fund raiser account had to be taken out to cover expenses. July was low on contributions. The fiscal year began in the hole.
- The raffle ticket sales are low. Only 67 tickets had been sold to date and 200 need to be sold to meet the budget. A sense of urgency needs to be made in order for the raffle to be successful. If enough tickets are not sold, the drawing date may have to be extended past August 23<sup>rd</sup>. A decision was made to have a letter sent out by the end of the week, along with an email, an Alert Now and a notice on the parish website. The parish council members' names will be noted on the communication so that parishioners can contact any of one of the members to obtain their raffle ticket.
- A separate letter will also be sent to the parishioners to communicate the direct deposit/ACH contribution option (at a later date).
- In regard to the distribution of the parish financial report and budget, a recommendation was made to email the reports and place a few copies in the back of Church for those interested.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Steve Schomaker reported that the cost of a choir loft chair lift is approximately \$20K, which is not feasible at this time.
- Steve Schomaker also reported that the cost to install a handicapped automatic door opener for the side door of the Church is approximately \$3,500. \$500 was received in memorial donations from the Kassen family. Until additional donations are made, we encourage the ushers to watch the side doors to assist handicapped individuals. Jeanne will also put a note to the ushers in the minister email notification.
- In regard to rectory improvements, the AC needs to be checked in the rectory.

### ***Education***

- Deacon Glenn stated that he had a meeting with the Faith Formation catechists and the Faith Formation books had been ordered. Faith Formation will begin on August 19<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday school will likely begin the first or second Sunday in September.

### ***Liturgy***

- Fr. Jack stated that since the Assumption of Mary is celebrated on August 15<sup>th</sup>, this Holy Day of Obligation is abrogated because it falls on a Saturday. However, he is holding a vigil mass on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

### ***Men's Club***

- The Wurstmarkt is the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October.

### ***Ladies' Sodality / Quilt Committee***

- Nothing at this time.

## **VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:**

- Deacon Glenn will be attending various catechists meetings at August.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Kim Wieter provided a parish directory update. She stated that the goal is to have 200 out of 285 parish families participate in the directory. To date, 160 families have their pictures scheduled.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kristen Templin asked all Parish Council members to review the Parish Council Constitution. A reminder will be sent when the minutes are sent out for review.
- Steve Schomaker provided an update on the Fall Fest. There is a meeting following the Parish Council meeting at 8:30 pm. He stated that the Fall Fest activities will be moved to the Church/school grounds. We will be able to use the gym if the floor is covered. There will be a band, kids blow ups, food, etc. It is getting harder and harder to obtain auction items, and we will probably do without the car show. Absent of the auction, Jeanne is working on the bingo and liquor license. The activities will be scheduled from 4-10 pm, with a 4 pm Mass that day.

## **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

- Discuss Parish Council Constitution.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Steve Schomaker asked for prayers for the anti-abortion activities in Washington.
- Luke Niemeyer stated that there are options for charitable contributions to the Church, such as remembering the Church in your will. Consideration will be given to possibly hosting a meeting to further discuss such options.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

- Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Jack Joyce.
- On a motion made by Lynette Huegen and seconded by Steve Schomaker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

**Minutes Prepared by:** Lynette Huegen