

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

**Date:** Tuesday, October 3, 2017  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** St. Bernard Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the opening prayer by Fr. Anthony. Lynette Huegen provided the spiritual reflection with the Serenity Prayer.

The August 1, 2017 minutes were approved via email.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Kris Anne Becker, Lynette Huegen, Lynne Huelsmann, Stefanie Rickhoff, Stacy Schroeder, Jim Williams, Brian Zurliene

**Members Not Present:** Austen Lake, Luke Niemeyer

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

**Ex-officio Catechetical Ministry Dir.:** Deacon Glenn Netemeyer (not present)

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

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

**Guest:** Dan Love (Finance Council representative)  
Sister Ellen Orf (North Central Vicariate Hispanic Minister)

**OFFICERS:** **President:** Kris Anne Becker  
**Vice-President:** Jim Williams  
**Secretary:** Lynette Huegen

**COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Building and Maintenance:** Brian Zurliene  
**Education:** Deacon Glenn Netemeyer  
**Liturgy:** Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Stefanie Rickhoff  
**Parish Partnership:** Luke Niemeyer

**PARISH LIFE:**

- The August 1, 2017 minutes were approved via email, inserted in the bulletin and posted on the website.
- Any potential rectory renovations will continue to be put on hold, as the future pastoral plan requires any purchases or renovations to be submitted as a resolution to the Diocese.
- **Father Anthony encourages our parishioners to write to the Bishop and share your parish life experiences and express that we have a viable parish at St. Bernard.**
- The Feast of St. Bernard raffle resulted in a total profit of \$17,700. The Parish received a donation of \$1,200 from the Albers125 Committee (the grand prize winners).
- The terms of Parish Council members Lynette Huegen, Luke Niemeyer and Brian Zurliene will be completed in December, and as such, they will become the Election Committee. Nominations for new members will be accepted October 14 through November 19. Elections will be held during the weekend Masses of December 16-17.

**FINANCE COUNCIL:**

- Dan Love stated collections are low but anticipate an increase due to the upcoming holidays.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Lynne Huelsmann provided an updated regarding the sound system. Bids from the Sound Room and Swing City will be coming in soon. The Finance Council made a motion to allow Mike Huelsmann to make the decision regarding the sound system upgrades.
- Additional considerations were discussed: installing an outlet outside, moving supplies out of the choir loft closet and cutting the first row of pews down to accommodate wheel chairs and caskets.

### ***Education***

- Stefanie Rickhoff provided the Education and Liturgy update on behalf of Deacon Glenn.
- The adult bible education continues.
- Operation Christmas Relief (shoe box) will be beginning soon.
- The Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held the weekend of October 28 and November 4.

### ***Liturgy***

- Masses have been scheduled for upcoming events: All Saints, All Souls, Thanksgiving, First Communion, etc.

## **VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:**

- None.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Discussion ensued regarding the Rebuilt book.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

## **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

- Election Committee update.
- Further discussion of the Rebuilt book.
- Update on the sound system.
- Potential Mass time changes.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Sr. Ellen invited everyone to attend a presentation on October 22 at 1 pm at St. Bernard to share information regarding our sister parish in Guatemala.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

- Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Anthony.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

**Minutes Prepared by:** Lynette Huegen