

St. Bernard Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Albers, Illinois

Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: St. Bernard Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the opening prayer. Kris Anne Becker provided the spiritual reflection in regard to confidence in God.

The August 2, 2016 minutes were approved via email.

The website is www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Kris Anne Becker, Lynette Huegen, Stefanie Rickhoff, Kristen Templin, Kim Wieter, Jim Williams, Brian Zurliene

Members Not Present: Nick Friederich, Luke Niemeyer

Ex-officio Administrative: Fr. Anthony Onyango (not 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: Kris Anne Becker
 Secretary: Lynette Huegen

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

Building and Maintenance: Brian Zurliene
Education: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Kristen Templin, Kim Wieter
Liturgy: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Stefanie Rickhoff
Parish Partnership: Kristen Templin, Luke Niemeyer

PARISH LIFE:

- The August 2, 2016 minutes were approved via email, inserted in the bulletin and posted on the website.
- The Parish Council discussed the types of committees, small groups or discussion groups to be formed. Steve Schomaker expressed interest in a fundraising group. Stefanie Rickhoff, Kim Wieter and Kris Anne Becker were interested in forming a social group.
- Nick Friederich, Kristen Templin and Kim Wieter's terms on the Parish Council are coming to an end in December. Elections will be upcoming with nominations to be made in November. Parish Council members will monitor the election box.
- The Parish Council discussed the frequency of the Parish Council meetings and decided to make no changes to the meeting frequency at this time.

FINANCE COUNCIL:

- Kudos were given to Luke Niemeyer on his ACH presentation to the parishes on September 25th. He did a great job!
- More collection counters were requested, and Jim Williams volunteered.
- The general reports were reviewed by the Council. A motion to approve the finance general reports was made by Lynette Huegen and seconded by Kris Anne Becker.
- The parking lot lease payment was received from the school board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Maintenance

- Steve Schomaker provided an update on rectory improvements that were made. The improvements are nearing completion.
- Discussion ensued in regard to the transmitter/receiver for the wireless microphone. This topic will be further discussed at the next meeting. This expenditure could be a consideration for a possible future charitable contributor.

Education

- A joint parish Faith Family Fun Night will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd at St. Damian for those children (and their families) preparing for First Communion.
- Donations will be requested for Operation Christmas Child, as well as the Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- Adult bible education will be held on Wednesday nights at the St. Damian rectory.

Liturgy

- A liturgy meeting will be held on Sunday, October 9th at 11:00 am in the St. Damian meeting room.
- Bluegrass music will be played at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 16th.
- Deacon Glenn Netemeyer reported on the upcoming Mass schedule for All Saints, All Souls, Veteran's Day, Vicariate Cancer, Thanksgiving, Immaculate Conception, Christmas and New Year's, as well as the Joint Parish Advent penance service.

Men's Club

- The Wurstmart is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th.

VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:

- Deacon Glenn Netemeyer reported that there is a meeting on Thursday, October 6th at 12:15 pm in Nashville.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion continued in regard to surveying the parishioners to review fundraising options, Mass times, ways to engage/welcome parishioners or future parishioners, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kristen Templin commented on the need for more or committed Sacristans. Brian Zurliene and Stefanie Rickhoff volunteered to assist in setting up for Masses.
- An appraiser for the Diocese of Belleville will be appraising all of the St. Bernard buildings on Tuesday, October 11th.
- Catholic Relief Services is requesting a representative from each parish to better coordinate communication. Kim Wieter volunteered.
- Steve Schomaker reported that improvements are being made to the cemetery grounds; these improvements will be funded by the cemetery fund.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- New transmitter/receiver for the wireless microphone

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None were noted.

NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- Closing prayer by Deacon Glenn Netemeyer.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm based on a motion by Jim Williams and seconded by Kim Wieter.

Minutes Prepared by: Lynette Huegen