

St. Bernard Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Albers, Illinois

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 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. Kris Anne Becker provided an Advent spiritual reflection.

The October 3, 2017 minutes were approved via email.

The website is www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Kris Anne Becker, Lynette Huegen, Lynne Huelsmann, Austen Lake, Luke Niemeyer, Jim Williams

Members Not Present: Stefanie Rickhoff, Stacy Schroeder, Brian Zurliene

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

Ex-officio Catechetical Ministry Dir.: Deacon Glenn Netemeyer (present)

Ex-officio Trustee: Steve Schomaker (present)

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

Guests: Dan Love (Finance Council representative)
Mike Huelsmann (Choir Director)

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 October 3, 2017 minutes were approved via email, inserted in the bulletin and posted on the website.
- The Election Committee, comprised of Lynette Huegen, Luke Niemeyer and Brian Zurliene (whose terms will be completed in December), reported on the potential Parish Council nominees. The Committee is still following up with a few of the nominees. If needed, elections will be held during the weekend Masses of December 16-17.
 - *Update from the 12/05/17 meeting: The new Parish Council members for the 2018-2020 term include Casey Etter, Ed Wuebbels and Luke Niemeyer (serving a second term).*

FINANCE COUNCIL:

- Dan Love provided an update on behalf of the Finance Committee. Specific items of discussion included Christmas bonuses for the employees of the Parish, mileage reimbursement, household expenses and the housekeeper update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Maintenance

- Mike Huelsmann provided an updated regarding the sound system. Swing City will be installing a new system beginning on December 11. The replacement includes such items as a new power amp and sound board, microphone on the altar and in the loft, and the wireless microphones. The estimated cost is \$17,500, including the labor of 31 hours and a 1 year warranty.
- Church will be decorated for Christmas on Friday, December 22.

Education

- Deacon Glenn provided the Education and Liturgy update.
- The Joint Parish penance service were held this past Sunday and included First Reconciliation.
- The adult bible education continues.
- The Daystar Program donations (which replaced the shoe box) were a success.
- The Thanksgiving Food Drive was a success.
- The soup supper is scheduled for February.

Liturgy

- Masses have been scheduled for upcoming events: Christmas and New Year's.

VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:

- The Vicariate meeting was held today.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Joint Parish Councils Holiday dinner will be scheduled for January. It will be hosted by the St. Bernard Parish Council, who will be in charge of bringing desserts.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Introduction of new Parish Council members.
- Election of new Parish Council officers.
- Continue discussion of the Rebuilt book.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Anthony.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes Prepared by: Lynette Huegen