

St. Bernard Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Albers, Illinois

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 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 by Deacon Glenn Netemeyer. Jim Williams provided the spiritual reflection with an Advent reading.

The October 4, 2016 minutes were approved via email.

The website is www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Kris Anne Becker, Lynette Huegen, Kristen Templin, Kim Wieter, Jim Williams

Members Not Present: Nick Friederich, Luke Niemeyer, Stefanie Rickhoff, 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)

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 October 4, 2016 minutes were approved via email, inserted in the bulletin and posted on the website.
- Two males and three females were nominated for the Parish Council to fill the positions of Nick Friederich, Kristen Templin and Kim Wieter, whose terms come to an end in December. The Parish Council election will be held the weekend of December 17/18. Parish Council members will monitor the election during/after Mass.
- We thank Nick, Kristen and Kim for their service to the St. Bernard Parish Council.
- Fr. Anthony reminded the group to continue reading the *Rebuilt* book.
- More discussion of small groups will ensue in the upcoming year.

FINANCE COUNCIL:

- The general reports were reviewed by the Council. A motion to approve the finance general reports was made by Lynette Huegen and seconded by Jim Williams.
- Kristen Templin recommended that Jeanne Langenhorst come to the February meeting to explain the various financial reports to the newly elected Parish Council members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Maintenance

- Steve Schomaker provided an update on rectory improvements that were made.
- Discussion ensued in regard to the transmitter/receiver for the wireless microphone. Steve Schomaker stated that St. Damian Parish is discussing new sound systems, and he would attend their next Parish Council meeting for information sharing.
- A recommendation has been made to install a baby changing station in the restroom of the Church. A motion was made by Lynette Huegen and seconded by Kris Anne Becker. Steve Schomaker will seek donations for this expenditure.

Education

- First Reconciliation was held the previous weekend.
- Confirmation preparations are underway and going well.
- Decorating St. Bernard Church for Christmas will take place on December 19.

Liturgy

- Immaculate Conception Masses will be held this Thursday.
- The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses have been scheduled.

Men's Club

- The Wurstmartk resulted in a profit of \$14K. A \$7K check will be given to the Parish (1/2 of the net).

VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:

- Deacon Glenn Netemeyer reported that there was a meeting on Tuesday, December 6 at St. Augustine Parish.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kristen Templin stated that after the New Year, the survey team (Kristen Templin, Kris Anne Becker and Lynette Huegen) will get together to further discuss options for surveying the parishioners to review fundraising options, mass times, ways to engage/welcome parishioners or future parishioners, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Joint Parish Councils Christmas dinner, hosted by St. Damian, will be held on January 22, 2017 at the Albers American Legion.
- Kim Wieter shared information as the parish representative for Catholic Relief Services. She will be going to a meeting in January.
- Deacon Glenn Netemeyer stated that there is a Parish Partnership meeting with the Bishop on January 28, 2017. Representatives of the Parish will be invited to attend (i.e. Pastoral Administrator, Deacon, Parish Council President, head of Finance Committee and Trustees, Ladies Sodality and Men's Club Presidents, Grant Knight of the Knights of Columbus).

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Update on the sound system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None were noted.

NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Closing prayer by Deacon Glenn Netemeyer.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm based on a motion by Jim Williams and seconded by Kim Wieter.

Minutes Prepared by: Lynette Huegen