

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

**Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 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 a reflection on the New Year. The Parish Council also read and was reminded of the mission statement.

The December 6, 2016 minutes were approved via email.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Kris Anne Becker, Lynne Huelsmann, Lynette Huegen, Austen Lake, Luke Niemeyer, Stacy Schroeder, Jim Williams, Brian Zurliene

**Members Not Present:** Stefanie Rickhoff

**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:** Jeanne Langenhorst and Sr. Ellen Orf

**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:**

- Welcome to the newly elected Parish Council members (Lynne Huelsmann, Austen Lake and Stacy Schroeder) who attended their first meeting on February 7, 2017.
- The Parish Council elections were held. Kris Anne Becker was elected President per a nomination by Lynette Huegen and second by Jim Williams. Jim Williams was elected Vice President per a nomination by Lynette Huegen and second by Kris Anne Becker. Lynette Huegen was elected Secretary per a nomination by Kris Anne Becker and second by Brian Zurliene. All elections were unanimously approved by the Parish Council members.
- The December 6, 2016 minutes were approved via email, inserted in the bulletin and posted on the website.
- Fr. Anthony reminded the group to continue reading the *Rebuilt* book.
- Kristen Templin submitted a report regarding the recent meeting with Bishop Braxton that was held on January 28, 2017. The letter was read aloud during the meeting. A few highlights of the meeting included future plans for the St. Bernard and St. Damian parishes, supporting Fr. Anthony as our priest, meeting the Catholic Ministry Appeal and considering several joint Parish Council meetings throughout the year.
- Steve Schomaker is putting together a committee to look at real estate options for the Parish.

## **FINANCE COUNCIL:**

- Jeanne Langenhorst came to the February meeting to explain the various financial reports to the newly elected Parish Council members.
- The general reports were reviewed by the Council. A motion to approve the finance general reports was made by Luke Niemeyer and seconded by Lynne Huelsmann.
- Luke Niemeyer will plan to hold another ACH pulpit discussion within the next few months.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Steve Schomaker stated that he did not have an update in regard to the transmitter/receiver for the wireless microphone/sound systems. We would like to wait and see how St. Damian's Parish likes their new system before further pursuing options.
- The baby changing station in the restroom of the Church was installed.
- Steve Schomaker stated the Parish and school is in need of a new lawnmower and snow blower for the facilities. The school has agreed to pay for ½ of the snow blower. The request to purchase a new lawnmower will be taken to the Finance Council.
- Steve Schomaker also stated that there has been a request to purchase small tables for the back of the Church. A motion to approve this purchase was made by Lynette Huegen and seconded by Luke Niemeyer.

### ***Education***

- Deacon Glenn provided a Faith Formation update, including the dates of Confirmation and First Communion.
- The Youth Ministry is hosting a soup supper on Sunday, February 26.

### ***Liturgy***

- Deacon Glenn provided a joint parish liturgy update, including dates/times for Lent and Holy Week masses.

### ***Ladies Sodality***

- A breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 19.

## **VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:**

- Sr. Ellen attended the meeting on Tuesday, February 7 at Sandoval.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Lynette Huegen reported that she, Kris Anne Becker and Kristen Templin recently met to discuss survey options. We recommend not sending a survey to the parishioners at this time, as we need to focus on bringing people to the Church. We will continue with the St. Bernard raffle as the primary fundraiser for 2017 and will revisit other fundraising opportunities as a later date.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Lynne Huelsmann stated that the piano in the choir loft has had to be left on for the past 3+ months because of a power issue. The estimated cost to fix the power issue is approximately \$2K. Lynne will work with Fr. Anthony to pursue repair options.
- Discussion ensued regarding charging for funeral visitations held at the Church.

## **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

- Review/update the Parish Council Constitution.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Kris Anne Becker attended a Catholic Relief Services meeting at St. Barbara's parish in Okawville. Kim Wieter is the parish representative.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

- Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Anthony.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

**Minutes Prepared by:** Lynette Huegen