

St. Bernard Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Albers, Illinois

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 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. Brian Zurliene provided the spiritual reflection by reading the obituary of Jesus Christ. Fr. Anthony asked that the Parish Council read the mission statement at the start of every meeting.

The February 7, 2017 minutes were approved via email.

The website is www.stbernardandstdamian.org.

ROLL CALL:

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

Members Not Present: None

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: 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:

- Lynette Huegen provided an update to those members not in attendance at the Joint Parish and Finance Council meeting that was held in March. One of the decisions made at that meeting was to begin charging for funeral visitation held at the Church. Steve Schomaker recommended that we revisit/reevaluate that fee within a year.
- The February 7, 2017 minutes were approved via email, inserted in the bulletin and posted on the website.
- Steve Schomaker stated that with the Feast of St. Bernard raffle taking place in August, we will plan to distribute the tickets around June.

FINANCE COUNCIL:

- Fr. Anthony stated that it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council to approve the general reports.
- Luke Niemeyer will plan to hold another ACH pulpit discussion the weekend of April 15/16.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Maintenance

- Steve Schomaker stated that the new sound system installed at St. Damian's Parish is working very well. St. Bernard will wait until after July to revisit sound system options. Lynne Huelsmann volunteered, as a member of the Parish Council and St. Bernard choir, to meet with Swing City.
- Steve Schomaker stated the new lawnmower was purchased for \$3,000, and the snow blower was repaired. The school has agreed to pay for half of the new purchase and assist in the repair bill.

Education

- Deacon Glenn provided a Faith Formation update, including the dates of Confirmation and First Communion.
 - The Lenten reconciliation has been completed for all of the Faith Formation children.
 - The Faith Formation registration forms for the upcoming school year will be sent out soon.

Liturgy

- The Lenten/Holy Week Mass schedule has been established.
- Liturgical ministers are needed for Holy Week.
- Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School.

Ladies Sodality

- A breakfast was held on Sunday, March 19.

VICARIATE / DIOCESAN PLANNING:

- No updates.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Lynne Huelsmann provided an update on getting the piano in the choir loft. Joanie Kloeckner is coordinating with a repair service.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fr. Anthony asked that all Parish Council members review and propose updates to the Parish Council Constitution. We will review and finalize the updates at the next meeting. Fr. Anthony will be asking the Finance Council to review the Constitution as well at their May 23 meeting.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Review/update the Parish Council Constitution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sr. Ellen shared that the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood will be going to the Cardinal game on June 23 and all are invited. There will be more information in the bulletin.

NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Anthony.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes Prepared by: Lynette Huegen