

Parish Council Meeting Agenda-Minutes

St Boniface Parish

Meeting Date: 1/17/2024 6:00PM

Attendees:

Council Members		Parishioners in Attendance		St. Boniface Staff	
Jackie Chesher	X	Hank Wagner	X	Father Rudy	X
Juan Carlos		Chris Noel	X	Father Luca	
Isabel Echavarria				Jenni Lindgren	X
Eloy Galan	X			Kim Childs	X
Ubaldo Gonzales					
Eusebio Picardo					
Tito Sanchez	X				
Casey Scullin	X				
Jacob Bryant					
Joe Ruter					
Rich Kelly	X				
Mark Lewis	X				
Carol Roosa	X				

CALL TO ORDER and WELCOME

- Welcome and introduce new members
- Approve November minutes – date needs correcting – done; correction of placement of St Rita statue – approved as amended
- Council members address issues during the meeting; guests speak upon approval, and at the end of the meeting

Opening Prayer -Fr Rudy

PASTORAL REPORT – Fr Rudy

- Next generation meeting canceled and rescheduled for later in January
- January thru March – Fr Rudy will be celebrating Masses; Fr Luca is spending more time at Holy Family, St L and St j
- Feb 2 – presentation of the Lord – celebration on Friday with bi-lingual Mass at 7:00PM
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SCHOOL REPORT – Kim Childs:

- Pre-school changes – will have an update at next meeting: still going thru staffing and curriculum change; need to move from Montessori to traditional – state asks for a traditional curriculum – once curriculum is finalized, state will re-review
- Added more security cameras – each classroom has one; signage being finished; intercom system installed, but working through some glitches
- Registration for next year has started
- Catholic school weeks – theme schools united in faith and – intention is to have a student come over to read a paragraph at each Mass about catholic school experience
- Monday is community day – waring spirit wear; will write thank you notes
- Tues – teacher appreciation
- Wed – community day – bring in a can of soup
- Thurs – student appreciation day

- Fri – will have a Mass
- Performing assessment of student progress in January
- Lent: fish fry will have student support and help
- Book fair – will begin on March 20th
- Step up to quality stars: when achieved there is a financial impact – will this 5 star rating be reached; Kim is confident we will achieve five star rating and the money will help close the gap financially
- Pre=school: was 44
- K to 8 is close to capacity – classes are close to capacity

PARISH REPORT - Jenni Lindgren:

- Nicole Cummings works on grants, donations, etc: she has secured a grant from the Knights of Columbus
- Grant money has been secured for safety upgrades – cameras will be placed outside the church; scan cards may replace keys; and, a new alarm system will be installed
- Fencing will be installed around the school campus to enhance security; will make it as unobtrusive as possible
- Peeling paint and leak –on St Joseph side, above the window, is a leak that needs to be repaired; appears it cannot be fixed in house, so will need to contract it out

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jenni Lindgren:

- School: bottom line is though negative is still healthier this year than last; budget was impacted by the split between the pre-K and K; compared to previous years, school is in better shape; pre-school is overstaffed due to possible departure of a staff member
- Star issue and resolution of personnel issues will help school to correct itself
- Want school to break even, but hasn't because over tumultuous conditions in pre-school – impact of pre K; school will come in at a loss for the fiscal year
- Finance committee will become more grass root involved in the planning for next year; historically finance has not been involved; will do a backward look to determine what to do going forward
- Finance is a committee of the parish council and Rich asks that finance report regularly to parish council; parish is not broke – church operates efficiently, and there is physical work that needs to be done
- Parish is a mixture of income levels and is in good shape, but, to have people increase their stewardship is appropriate to maintain fiscal health
- Church: is in better shape this year compared to last year – Sunday collections are up over last year;

OLD BUSINESS:

- Outcome of voting for Family Parish name: voting is complete, but questions remain as to procedure; the process is on hold as some issues need to be worked through
- Audio on the altar: new speakers have been installed; there seems to be feedback on the Lecter mike when turned off
- Security update: phone systems are installed; holding off on cameras for church – waiting on the announcement of a grant that would cover costs
- Status of congregational financial talk – needs a report from the finance committee so he has facts to help with the talk with the congregation; holding off until then; this can be considered a personal commitment to the parish and God

- CMA presentation: that is scheduled for this weekend – goal is \$19,000 for the parish; Archbishop presentation not done because it is only in English, there is a summary that can be read at all the Masses; have not met our goal for the past few years
- How Masses through Christmas weekend went: all went well
- Problem with understanding Fr. David at the 11:00 Mass – maybe a headset will help to improve the sound because right now he is difficult
- Has been increase in attendance at 11:00AM mass
- Placement of sign at bottom of Chase driveway advising buses cannot make it through – Jenni to follow up – no action has been taken – have it state low clearance

NEW BUSINESS:

- 4 Chaplains Mass: scheduled for Feb 3 – story of chaplains that gave their lives to save others; expecting larger attendance due to change of day and the article in the Cath Telegraph
- Ash Wednesday Mass schedule: 9:30AM school and 12 and 2 there will be a bi-lingual Ash Service and at 7:00PM bi-lingual
- Fish Fries during Lent: every Friday with student and staff help with the events through Lent- time is from 5 to 7 with stations of the cross after
- Worship Committee: formed in the fall – asked by Jeremy Helms with AOC – form one at the parish before creating one across the family; serve as an advisory board with Fr Luca's guidance with worship matters brought to him; there was specific criteria that was inclusive, parish council member and finance committee; second, deeply involved with liturgical ministry ' third, regularly attending Mass at St Boniface; have met 3 times; responsible for this year's advent wreath; have purchased new hymnals (United in Christ) that are bi-lingual will help to integrate music between communities; UC hymnals have more current lyrics and includes older hymns not sung for a while; seeks to work more collaboratively
- SVDP food pantry update: contact other churches SVD conferences for volunteers; Knights of Columbus is also a source – need to work on partnering; St I is a possibility as is Bishop Binzer's parish
- Schedule for Masses during Holy Week and Easter: 7:00PM Chrism Mass at Cathedral – TBD; can time for the pageant and/or Masses be adjusted to make it easier for people to attend? Chris will take to Worship committee
- Rich Kelly is pursuing having the name of Gordon St named Fr Joe Robinson Way

Closing Prayer – Fr. Rudy

Next meeting is March 20th at 6:00PM in the Parish Office meeting room