

# Parish Council Meeting Agenda-Minutes

## St Boniface Parish

Meeting Date: 3/20/2024 6:00PM

Attendees:

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

### CALL TO ORDER and WELCOME

- Approve January minutes – minutes corrected to show corrected date of February 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Scholastic Book Fair
- 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

- Second parochial vicar is here, Fr Samuel Yacob, missionary from Ethiopia – speaks English and French – will be meeting everyone tomorrow – will do the English Good Friday liturgy
- Beacons of light: next meeting 4/3 – pastoral planning mission and vision of the family
- Envisioning meeting to identify three objectives for the family of our parishes; should be complete by mid-May
- Holy Week: services will be bi-lingual; Easter vigil will have a number of catechumens and candidates
- Hispanic group will be reenacting the last days of Jesus through the Living Way of the Cross followed by the Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion on Good Friday

### SCHOOL REPORT – Kim Childs:

- Pre-school update: curriculum was purchased with grant money; has been implemented; confident a five star rating will be achieved for next school
- Fish Fry – good student and staff support – feedback on student help has been positive
- Scholastic book fair – great success purchased \$4200 worth of books – could get \$800 cash or \$2000 as a result of sales during book fair – books were chosen
- Enrollment – open enrollment is underway is at 167 students – numbers are higher than in previous years – students are fully enrolled meaning they are enrolled for ed choice money

- EdChoice is now open to everyone and that may be contributing to an increase in enrollment; St Martin closed so there may be a spill over from that closure; did get students last year as a result of the St Joseph school closure, but number was limited as classes were already full - capacity is 24 students to a class
- Working on post cards and brochures to distribute to the neighborhood to increase awareness around the school
- May 1 – school needs judges for Science Fair from 10 to 12 – must be Safe Parish certified

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT – Jenni Lindgren:**

- Better off this year than last year – appears the Sunday collection goal will not be met, but it will not be too far off the mark
- Income from 4 Grand is down compared to previous years
- Income from Fall Festival was, though attendance down, and profit was about the same
- Liturgy ministry and music expenses are up: change in decorations for Christmas and Easter have added to cost; purchase of new choir hymnals added to cost
- School: finances much improved over last year; last year ended in the red and this year will break despite pre-school being below star rating;
- Safety grant spent \$85,000 of \$100,000, but had to return \$15,000 because could balance of funds could not be spent by year end – many grants have required time frames in which to spend grant money
- An appeal will be made to the parish for used clothes for pre-school kids; put out an appeal for uniforms – either purchase or donate so they can be purchased – many children have limited means and opportunity to have clean clothes and uniforms
- Maintenance:
  - Is maintenance broken out by rectory, parish and school? Account includes all buildings on the campus; accounts should be broken out by building
  - Budgeted capital items for the school will be broken net fiscal year – the church will pay for those items
  - The church received a bequest that will allow us, in the coming fiscal year, to cover deferred maintenance: tuck pointing the church and school, repair of the tunnel between church and school, multiple leaks around some of the windows in the church and air condition the gym because it cannot be used because it is too hot
  - Going forward, capital maintenance expenses will be budgeted so work will no longer be deferred – will stay current with significant maintenance

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Worship committee – Joe Ruter:
  - Collaboration continues between English and Spanish communities on multiple worship services with the bi-lingual services during Holy Week
  - Will we use the cup at Mass? Will not be implements at this time
  - Wearing of albs: Servers need to wear an alb at the English Masses; should communion servers wear an alb? Will discuss in Worship committee
- SVDP update – Rich Kelly
  - Going well – getting 30 to 35 families a weekend which is rebound from Covid numbers
  - Providing food, vouchers, beds to people in the Northside footprint
  - Properly capitalized with \$30,000 in our account
  - Watch for Hunger Walk: helps to defer pantry food expenses with the Free Store Food Bank

- Representative from District Office will attend the SVDP March meeting to encourage the conference to discern its spiritual role and growth
- New parish office phone system will allow SVDP to manage calls for assistance through a dedicated voice mailbox
- Family Parish name – update
  - Final still pending approval from the Archbishop
- Security update: cameras for the church
  - Did not get the security grant; another grant is being researched so cameras are on hold
- Status of congregational financial talk – update
  - Conversation will update parishioners on where the parish stands financially, and where we are going; important to let people know we are solvent, but also important to let them know that funds are still needed due to ongoing expenses
- CMA – update
  - Donations are running under parish goal
- Placement of sign at bottom of Chase driveway: update
  - Need signs at the top and bottom of the hill to warn of difficulty of entering and exiting through the driveway to Chase Ave
- Fish Fry – update
  - Doing well – biggest night served 272 meals; lowest night was just under our highest night in the past – a lot of carry out
  - Adding credit card payment has helped
  - Menus need to be changed – need to be bi-lingual; also needs to be re-vamped; will consider for next year’s fish fry
- 4 Chaplains Mass – feedback
  - Attendance was up perhaps due to it being on Saturday
  - Asked to bring back 21 gun salute
- Festivals: combining parish festivals
  - Fall festival met and decided to push for more participation on the part of parishioners; there is an April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, if response is low, may eliminate the Fall festival
  - Attendance at the festival itself is down

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Council elections:
  - Elections will be held in the spring
  - Jackie and Tito will re-run
  - Rolling off; Jaun, Isabel, Eloy
  - Bios go out on 6/9 and elections 6/16 – may ask candidates to identify themselves at Mass
- Parish bells:
  - Still not ringing on schedule
  - Carol will contact Tony Michel
- Revised bylaws:
  - Rich will revisit bylaws originally written a few years ago

**Closing Prayer – Fr. Rudy**

**Next meeting is May 15th at 6:00PM in the Parish Office meeting room**