

Parish Council Meeting Agenda-Minutes

St Boniface Parish

Meeting Date: 5/15/2024 6:00PM

Attendees:

Council Members		Parishioners in Attendance		St. Boniface Staff	
Jackie Chesher	X	LaVerne Washam	X	Father Rudy	X
Juan Carlos		Steve Terschak	X	Jeni Lindgren	X
Isabel Echavarria					
Eloy Galan					
Ubaldo Gonzales					
Eusebio Picardo					
Tito Sanchez					
Casey Scullin	X				
Jacob Bryant	X				
Joe Ruter					
Rich Kelly					
Mark Lewis	X				
Carol Roosa	X				

CALL TO ORDER and WELCOME

- Approve March minutes - approved
- Council members address issues during the meeting; guests speak upon approval, and at the end of the meeting

Opening Prayer - Fr Rudy

- Carol: prayer in Fr Rudy's absence

PASTORAL REPORT – Fr Rudy

- Parish Next Generation: vision statement meetings will be wrapping up
- Holy Week: everything went well, improvement over last year; still stumbling with bi-lingual portion of Masses
- First Communion and Conformation: Archbishop cannot make it due to health; 29 candidates for confirmation from St Boniface, St Leo and Holy Family

SCHOOL REPORT – Kim Childs:

- Enrollment for next year is ongoing – about 20 enrolled in each class level; wants 24 in each
- Pre-school update: Status of five star – still waiting for rating approval
- Summer program for grades 3 through 8 will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; will get lunch
- Received a grant to fund summer school so there is no cost
- Graduation on Tuesday, 5/21, at 7:00
- To date, there are no new hires for next year
- Science Fair: was successful and students were excited to share their work
- Post cards and brochure distribution update: no update

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jenni Lindgren:

- CMA update – what is the status of the parish goal: 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
- Church:
 - Down \$10,000 to \$12,000 on Sunday collections, but is being offset by income from other areas
 - There charge for a funeral will be increasing from \$250 to \$350 next fiscal year; this brings us current with what other churches are charging
 - Investment income remains steady; interest was increased to 3.6%
 - Deceased parishioner left a sizable bequest to the parish and that money will be used to perform needed tuck pointing; a coal chute in the basement is in need of repair due to failing concrete – extent of repairs is still being reviewed
 - School: income for the school ceases at end of year, but expenses continue to accrue, so this report shows a loss; pre-school is still a drain due to lack of five star rating; if five star is achieved, it is a payment of \$9,000.00 per child; café shortfall is due to inability to charge for lunches since students are at or below poverty line – runs on funding from the state
 - Does FSFB offer assistance to schools? Casey will check on that
 - Budget review – “money talk” will expand beyond what can be donated financially and include how people can contribute their time and talent to help the parish
 - In the past, any additional money received was put in AOC investments; going forward, funds will be invested in the Catholic Values Fund for better rate of return
 - Music expenses for last year were higher than planned, but is a one time thing
 - Large capital expenses are in the budget and covers the large repair items of tuck pointing and repairing the coal bin
 - Financially the parish is in good shape; number of parishioners is growing every year
 - School budget: if pre-school does not get the needed star rating, it will be closed due the financial strain;
 - All kids are on EdChoice vouchers;
 - Work continues on safety grant for school and church;
 - Fees for school include late, registration, graduation
 - Salaries for school staff are set by the diocese;
 - Number of employees between church and school is 43 with about 30 working at the school
 - Motion to accept church budget Tito moves to approve and seconded by Mark; School budget Casey moves to approve and Carol – both budgets passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

- Worship committee – Joe Ruter: absent
 - Communion servers wearing albs: decision reached? pending
 - Committee is taking a break through summer
- SVDP update – Rich Kelly: absent
 - Adding message to parish phone system – emailed Pro Oncall Technology – still pending
 - Food pantry changed to summer hours in May and will run through September
 - Financially stable

- Tito will be helping with Spanish translation in the summer
- Festivals:
 - Decision on festival – still pending, waiting on Fr Rudy
- Council elections:
 - Elections will be held in the spring – no new candidates – appears Fr. Rudy may need to appoint members to council due to lack of eligible candidates declaring candidacy
 - Historically it is challenging to find people to run for council
- Parish bells:
 - Update - Still not ringing on schedule – still being reviewed with no solution; if rung manually, need to take care that bells don't collide and crack
- Revised by laws:
 - Possibly revise meeting schedule from from 3rd Wednesday to 4th Wednesday
 - Status of revised bylaws - pending

NEW BUSINESS

- Can a book be placed at the doors to include those who need for prayers – will need to discuss with Fr Rudy
- Can a time limit be put in place for how long people on the list? Put a three week limit and then move to the book – Carol will follow up
- Fr Samuel is learning Spanish very quickly
- Fr Migual may still be placed here; he is waiting for immigration clearance
- Proposal to build a multi-tasking building for parish community activities – a place outside of church for people to gather - pending
- Bi-lingual Masses are not working- can screens be placed to help with language barriers? Will revisit at a later date
- United in Christ books are available and readings are in English and Spanish, but books seem to be missing; announcements will be made to leave the United in Christ books at church
- Hispanic community does not pick up the bulletin – ask Griselda to mention it in the announcements
- LaVerne will label the United in Christ books used in the future advising they need to remain in church
- LaVerne: church needs to be cleaned – pews and kneelers need to scrubbed and cleaned – can we get volunteers – can an altar society be brought together? Carol will place something in the bulletin
- Steve: follow up on Eucharistic Ministers –Eucharistic Ministers are experiencing things that are outside of the approved protocol – Steve will talk with Fr Rudy about next steps

Closing Prayer – Fr. Rudy

Next meeting is July 17th at 6:00PM in the Parish Office meeting room