

Parish Council Meeting Agenda-Minutes

St Boniface Parish

Meeting Date: 9/27/2023 6:00PM

Attendees:

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

CALL TO ORDER and WELCOME

- Welcome and introduce new members
- Approve July minutes – approved
- Council members address issues during the meeting; guests speak upon approval, guests speak at the end

Opening Prayer -Fr Rudy

PASTORAL REPORT – Fr Rudy:

- July 1 outcome of the parish survey-data is being compiled and the results will be shared in November
- October 26 – dinner convocation at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Beechmont Ave for parish council members
- Festivals Hispanic numbers are still being computed, but appears income was less this year than last – expenses are still outstanding; final number will be published once expenses have cleared
- Religious Education: classes started in September on Sundays with 210 enrolled; education will continue through spring and includes Confirmation and Communion
- Staff meeting this Friday to finalize holiday schedules for remainder of the year

SCHOOL REPORT – Kim Childs:

- Security grant: \$100,000 was secured by the school last academic year; money is being used for:
 - Rekeying doors of the school – cost \$5000
 - Camera system – work to begin next week – cost \$35,000
 - Phone system – bids being taken
 - Bi-lingual signs for inside the school – pending
 - Source of the grant: Ohio state of emergency grant
- School year started with an enrollment of 210, but now stands at 207 due to some no-shows; this number includes pre-school through grade 8
- Staffing for this year is down by three compared to last year
- Integration of new staff is going well

- Nurse was hired- CISE is subsidizing
- Work is ongoing for the school budget – Kim and Jenni are collaborating closely on budget; Kim seeks approval for all expenditures from Jenni
- Signature authority: signs contracts for teachers from the Diocese; no authority beyond that
- School needs concrete pad to accommodate an outside classroom – Klosterman family will donate funds to help purchase picnic tables for classroom which helps to offset costs
- Kim has been campaigning for money from CISE to help with expenses – so far no luck

PARISH REPORT - Jenni Lindgren: Jackie on her behalf

- Hispanic Festival: money from soccer tournament and outside food still pending. Expenses still pending, so no final net total is available
- Need to repair the church driveway – this concrete work will done a the same time the concrete pad for the school is poured
- Nicole is working on a safety grant for the parish office
- There is a leak around a window in the crawl space of the Sanctuary; has been repaired before, but is leaking once again. If a maintenance issue, church will need to absorb cost of repair; if due to storm damage, repair could be covered by insurance

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jenni Lindgren: Jackie on her behalf

- Bulletin has been revised to reflect all offerings received by the church; totals now reflect Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Thursdays, direct deposit and holy days
- Financial breakdown was not available; Jackie will email

OLD BUSINESS:

- Church audio system: update – still having problems on the alter hearing things; Jenni manages the system with the audio contractor – she will need to address
- Hispanic Festival: update – see Fr Rudy’s comments
- Fall Festival: update – planning continues; been working with Jenni and Kathie; tickets will be sent out next week – in need of kitchen volunteers, clean-up workers and desserts

NEW BUSINESS:

- Status: “Money” discussion with parishioners – still waiting for the report from the finance committee, budget is still a work in progress; once received, the “money” talk will then be given
- Update on Parish survey: see FR Rudy’s report
- 11:00 Mass presider: suggested that 11:00 Mass discontinued – not well received; has had difficulties with some visiting priests; Fr David will preside in the in the interim
- Carol:
 - doors are propped open and the need to be closed to preserve heat and AC - Please ask people to close doors when leaving the 9:00 Mass
 - Food set up – can it be moved? People are milling about and taking up space while others are beginning to arrive for 11:00AM Mass
 - Parking is an issue for 11:00AM Mass – this due to a combination of food being served after 9:00 Mass and the religious education classes that are being held
 - Doors to the parish office are standing open putting the office at risk; doors need to be closed
 - The security system needs to be set in both the church and the parish office; there have been break-ins in the past; alarms have not been set due to

malfunctions: they are going off resulting in false alarm runs by the police and these result in fines

- Storm door on the front needs to be locked to deter people from coming in;
- Need to work together to keep the church in good order
- Bulletin: need items from the Hispanic community for the bulletin to inform the entire parish – example is way of the cross at Holy Week; need a bigger bulletin and more info from parishioners
 - Carol will find a couple of people to help with the bulletin and propose some changes
- Beacons of light: what is the status?
- Morning Mass: 6 or 7 people every day- would changing Mass time increase attendance? Would middle of the day be a better time? Change Mass time in January - maybe change it one day a week – will be revisited

Closing Prayer – Fr. Luca

Next meeting is November 29 at 6:00PM in the Parish Office meeting room