

Parish Council Meeting Agenda-Minutes

St Boniface Parish

Meeting Date: 11/29/2023 6:00PM

Attendees:

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

CALL TO ORDER and WELCOME

- Welcome and introduce new members
- Approve September minutes – amended info related to Hispanic Festival income:
 - Originally stated profit was lower; it was gross more than \$6000.00
- Council members address issues during the meeting; guests speak upon approval, guests speak at the end

Opening Prayer -Fr Rudy

PASTORAL REPORT – Fr Rudy

- Beacons of Light: begin pastoral planning for all parishes;
 - Envisioning team which consists of representatives from each parish has been created – team has nine people
 - Team will be led by a facilitator – work will begin in December and last for 6 months; each month will address a different topic
 - Representatives for St Boniface are Jackie Chesher, Eloy Galan and Casey Scullin
- Voting for name of family parish is complete; votes are still being counted; results will be announced later in December
- Celebrations for December include: Immaculate Conception, Christmas and Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - Morning of December 12 is Las Mañanitas beginning at 5:00AM; there will be a bi-lingual evening Mass beginning at 6:30PM with refreshments to follow in the cafeteria
- Dec 24th – morning Masses for last Sunday in Advent, afternoon/evening Masses for Christmas
- Worship committee will be coordinating the decorations for Christmas

SCHOOL REPORT – Kim Childs:

- There were 206 children enrolled at the beginning of the year; 3 have left leaving an enrollment of 203

- Upgrades to school: a concrete pad was poured to allow the use of the picnic tables donated by Fran Klosterman's children; the tables are already getting a lot of use
- Security grant: money is now available, through a grant, to purchase cameras, intercom systems which will be installed in December, as well as new bi-lingual signs for the school and grounds
- Skating party was held and it was well attended by about 140 people; it was so well received , it will be repeated in the spring
- The school Christmas program will be held on 12/21 at 2:00PM at the school
- St Mary's (HydePark) will be giving out food boxes at Christmas; the school is in the process of contacting St Mary's to register families; in addition to food boxes, there will small boxes filled with small gifts for children
- The FreeStore FoodBank power packs are back: powerpacks are made up of food for children who are in need; this is a donation from the FSFB
- Grants: \$20,000 to \$25,000 remains from an EANS grant which will be spent on technology; also cancelled outstanding contracts and orders which resulted in a refund of about \$50,000
- Grant through the county: received \$100,000 that is earmarked to purchase high quality instruction assistance: this includes teaching materials, money for professional development and hiring tutors; all hiring will be done through the county; a plan needs to be submitted to account for expenditures before any money can be spent
- Pre-school changes – will have an update at next meeting

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 fixed in house, so will need to contract it out

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jenni Lindgren:

- Church: collections are down, but not as badly as in the past; formation fees ar down
- Festival income thru end of October –
- 4 Grand is up over last year
- Archdiocese increased interest to 2.1%
- Sunday collections up, Hispanic Festival was up over last year
- Appeal is still outstanding – Fr. Luca will be delivering the talk
- Expenses: festival expenses were down due to Hispanic community bought their own – used income from the Sunday food booth to offset the costs
- School: numbers are skewed – pre-school has had some changes – Montessori includes pre-school and kindergarten; had to separate the two because the Montessori teacher left
- Pre-school numbers are down from last year because we need accreditation – confident
- EdChoice voucher money went up and budget includes the increase
- CISE will provide money to us

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fall Festival update – successful; foot traffic is down a little; tacos sold really well – need to make clear where everything is located – need more signs – need more volunteers,

some didn't show because they had Covid; think about blending the Hispanic and Fall Festival as Fall Festival may have run its course; need to look at the start and end times

- Mass schedule for Christmas – schedules have been finalized and will be in the bulleting
- Morning Mass schedule – any changes being made? Worship committee has worked on it. After first of the year will be 9:30
- Church audio – speakers on the altar have been ordered; new microphone for the alter – all on order
- Status of money discussion – Fr Luca will have this; data is now available so the appeal can be made; have a template for the discussion – appeal is needed, but how should it be presented; can now make contributions through the school web site
- Envelopes for Hispanic Community: has been discussing getting envelopes for children in religious education to make their donations rather than place cash in the basket
- Parish survey results – will use parish survey results in the envisioning planning
- Food sales after 9:00AM Mass – change in location – the change is working out

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mass attendance numbers from October – on average attendance is up by about 300; by Mass, the Spanish language Masses were better attended than the English speaking Masses
- Report on Pastoral Council meeting at Immaculate Heart of Mary – meeting to discuss the role of the parish council in the parish and vision for Beacons of Lights; council also serves as a conduit for the Fr Rudy's requests and needs for the parish
- No distribution of the Precious Blood: due to the uptick in covid
- Move St Teresa to where St Rita is and place Guadalupe where St Rita was- statue was placed and then church shut down; Fr Luca has discussed moving Guadalupe and there will be further discussion before the change is made – perhaps the Worship committee to look at; can move it as a part of the celebration next year – will be a procession to make the change
- Worship Committee: Joe Ruter, Chris, Lisa, Jim Kuhn, Fr Luca – contact Chris for the who sits on the committee
- Need a sacristan – will be addressed by the worship committee; need to make people aware that when extinguishing candles watch that wax doesn't get on the floor and altar cloth
- Eucharistic Minister: Steve Terschak – there is Eucharistic Training offered through the Archdiocese- he has obtained the training book and feels there were gaps in his understanding regarding procuring communion for distribution – will follow up with Fr Luca on the Worship Committee for clarification and next steps
- Need a sign at the bottom of Chase driveway advising buses cannot make it through – occurred after a wedding – has been repaired, but cannot build another ramp because it would lose parking spots
- Jenni will work on placing a sign

Closing Prayer – Fr. Rudy

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