

Parish Council Meeting Agenda-Minutes

St Boniface Parish

Meeting Date: 7/17/2024 6:00PM

Attendees:

Council Members		Parishioners in Attendance		St. Boniface Staff	
Jackie Chesher	X			Father Rudy	X
Eusebio Picardo				Jenni Lindgren	X
Tito Sanchez				Kim Childs	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 May minutes- approved
- 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

- Parish family now has two Parochial vicar: Father Miguel Torres joined
- Fr Miguel; currently doing “the tour” of all five parishes; will reside at Holy Family with Frs. Rudy and Samuel
- Fr. Samuel continues to learn Spanish; Fr. Miguel already speaks Spanish
- Fr Rudy will be delegating responsibilities to vicars – announcement forthcoming
- Beacons of Light – pastoral planning ended; Envisioning team made up from representatives from each parish in the family has developed three priorities along with associated goals to help facilitate the merger of the family – priorities and goals are included under separate cover – the priorities and goals were presented and discussed
- Goals next step – teams made up of parishioners from each parish will be formed to begin the planning to meet the goals; representatives will appointed by Fr. Rudy – date is still pending
- Goals from the Envisioning team are a work in progress, but priorities are a given and goals are way to plan and discuss steps to unify our parish family
- Hispanic Festival – preparations are underway for the festival on Sept 1; festival will have food safety training

SCHOOL REPORT – Kim Childs:

- Old Business:
 - Pre-school update: Status of five star – rating granted – grant is now \$8400 a student – 185,000 for school
 - Can have up to 22 pre-school students – currently at 20 students and

- Post cards and brochure distribution update: price was cost prohibitive for post cards and mailing, but brochures were created; these brochures will be used by the school and CISE
- New Business:
 - Enrollment – school is fully enrolled at 164 students for the coming year - 12 students waiting to be accepted; grand total for enrollment is 176 when PreK is added to the count
 - All employees from the previous school year will be returning
 - With the dissolution of the Montessori program, a pre-school position opened and will need to be filled
 - Dissolution of the Montessori also requires that PreK and K now be split into two distinct groups
 - Grant for \$75,000 for STEM programs was received; this grant will be spent over five years will help with offsetting some salaries
 - Safety conference – state of Ohio is sponsoring a conference that addresses all aspects of safety as related to school operations; the conference will be held late July and St Boniface representatives will be attending
 - Self-study process for the school – this process will allow the school to review the testing architecture providing data to identify opportunities for improvement
 - School hours for the upcoming year will be a 7:40 AM start and a 2:30PM dismissal

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jenni Lindgren:

- Old Business:
 - Cost of tuck pointing and repair to coal chute – in process of getting estimates for tuck pointing; coal chute – still securing solutions and estimates to shore up the deteriorating chute – this will involve a structural analysis
 - Does FSFB offer food assistance to schools? Casey – FSFB will provide food for an in-school pantry, but does not supply food for use in the cafeteria
 - Budget review – “money talk” – status – talk will focus on the importance of stewardship that emphasizes donation of time and talent, and not just financial contribution
 - Stewardship: to promote stewardship, the different ministries will be available to talk with parishioners and answer questions after Masses the weekend of 9/7 and 9/8 - Casey will pull together a list of possible ministries to participate in stewardship weekend
- New Business:
 - St. Boniface was the beneficiary of a large bequest after the death of a parishioner; these funds will help to stabilize the financial future of the parish
 - A portion of these funds are being invested in the Catholic Values fund
 - School: financial performance of the school is greatly improved over last year; this year the school did not end the year in a deficit
 - Air conditioning in the cafeteria will be repaired this year
 - The lead and asbestos in the window frames in the school will be abated this year using a heavy-duty sealant appropriate for this work
 - Wish list: would like to put AC in the school gym; gym has limited use once the weather warms up
 - Church: ended up with a \$90,000 surplus at the end of the fiscal year despite the shortfall of Sunday collections; festival income helps to offset that shortfall

MINISTRY UPDATES:

- Worship committee – Joe Ruter:
 - Communion servers wearing albs: decision reached? Still pending – Worship committee to review – preference is servers wear albs while Eucharistic Ministers wear street clothes, provided they are appropriate for Mass
 - Representatives attended a workshop, With Zeal and Patience: the Role of a Worship Commission in a Parish, hosted by the Archdiocese
 - Takeaways were:
 - Eucharist is the #1 priority of a parish and the measure of all liturgical practices – budget should exist for Worship; Parish staff should attend Mass at the parish so opportunity to gauge the disposition of those attending Mass can be gauged
 - Parish family should strive for unity not uniformity
 - Worship committee can be a bridge builder in the Parish family: each parish should have a functioning Worship commission before one created for the Parish family
 - Saturday Mass – coordinator role at the 4:00PM Mass continues to be filled by a handful of volunteers as well as the part time Saturday employee
 - Griselda and Amanda are helping to identify Hispanic parishioners who can serve in volunteer ministry roles
 - Altar/Sanctuary decorations are being managed by a handful of volunteers
 - Hispanic Music Ministry is waiting for approval to purchase a sound system for electronic instruments
 - Bereavement ministry is now lead by Lisa Biedenbach with the retirement of Mary Ellen Yetter last November – our heartfelt thanks to Mary Ellen for her service over the years
 - Annual Mass of Remembrance for parishioners and others buried from St. Boniface will be Saturday, November 2

- SVDP update – Rich Kelly:
 - Adding message to parish phone system – emailed Pro Oncall Technology – still pending
 - Modified hours during the summer – new schedule is working out
 - Alliance with Unitarian Church Avondale and 7th Day Adventist was created to provide the pantry with food; to date these groups have been very generous with donations
 - Walmart made a one-off donation to our pantry as coordinated by the FreeStore FoodBank– FSFB will ensure that St Boniface pantry be included in any future possible “one-off” opportunities
 - Pantry has had welcomed help from Hispanic volunteers who assist with translation, making Hispanic visitors feel more comfortable
 - Bed delivery for this summer has been on the upswing

OLD BUSINESS:

- Festivals:
 - Decision on festival – no longer will hold the November Festival; maybe do something smaller for Christmas – still being discussed
- Council elections:

- Status on elections/appointments to Council – Fr. Rudy will appoint people to the open seats
- Jackie and Tito have volunteered to stay on Council, while four will fall off – Fr Rudy will appoint after stewardship weekend
- Parish bells:
 - Update - Still not ringing on schedule – still broken and problem is being sorted out; to replace the timer with a digital system, that is cost prohibitive
- Revised by-laws:
 - Status of revised bylaws – Jackie, Rich, and Casey to meet with goal to present next meeting
 - Motion: change meeting from third Wednesday to fourth Wednesday – carried; next meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday beginning in September
- Can a book be placed at the doors to include those who need for prayers – still pending
- 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
- Labelling of United in Christ book: LaVerne to label - pending
- Church needs deep cleaning – item was in bulletin, Carol gathering volunteers

NEW BUSINESS:

- None presented

Closing Prayer – Fr. Rudy

Next meeting is September 25th at 6:00PM in the Parish Office meeting room

SEE NEXT TWO PAGES FOR ENVISIONING STATEMENT

*Next Generation Parish
Our Lady of Guadalupe Family - OLOG*

*Priority Plan Working Document
Documento de Trabajo del Plan de Prioridades*

Purpose Statement/ Declaración de propósito

Our purpose is to use our faith and diversity to build a multi-cultural family of faith that prays, loves, and serves together.

Nuestro propósito es usar nuestra fe y diversidad para construir una familia de fe multicultural que reza, ama y sirve junta.

Parish Vision Visión Parroquial

We are a Family of parishes that welcomes, encourages, and educates people at all stages of their faith journey.

Somos una familia de parroquias que acoge, anima y educa a las personas en todas las etapas de su camino de fe.

Parish Values/ Valores Parroquiales

1. Community/ Comunidad: A diverse group of people bound together by our love for Christ and our strong desire to welcome and serve all. / Un grupo diverso de personas unidas por nuestro amor a Cristo y nuestro fuerte deseo de acoger y servir a todos.
2. Love/Amor: Building relationships based on empathy, compassion, and understanding; giving of ourselves for other's benefit without expecting anything in return. / Construir relaciones basadas en la empatía, la compasión y la comprensión; Dar de nosotros mismos en beneficio de los demás sin esperar nada a cambio.
3. Evangelization/Evangelización: Bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. / Llevar la Buena Nueva de Jesús a cada situación humana y tratar de convertir a las personas y a la sociedad por el poder divino del Evangelio mismo.

Priorities and Goals/ Prioridades y Metas

Priority #1 - Unification: OLOG will come together as one Eucharistic family.

Unificación: OLOG se unirá como una sola familia eucarística.

SMART Goal #1: Establish a Family Worship Committee by December 31, 2024/ Establecer un Comité de Adoración Familiar antes del 31 de diciembre de 2024

SMART Goal #2: Establish a Family Parish Council by Pentecost 2025. / Establecer un Consejo Parroquial Familiar para Pentecostés de 2025.

SMART Goal #3 Parishioners and the community will hear and see a united message that "We Are Our Lady of Guadalupe Family" by December 31, 2025. / Los feligreses y la comunidad escucharán y verán un mensaje unido de que "Somos la Familia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe" para el 31 de diciembre de 2025.

Priority #2 Formation: We will experience a faith revival through formation, ensuring that all receive the training and knowledge they seek. Experimentaremos un renacimiento de la fe a través de la formación, asegurándonos de que todos reciban la capacitación y el conocimiento que buscan.

SMART Goal #1: Launch a campaign of multi-lingual evangelization using digital and virtual tools by May 31, 2025. /Lanzar una campaña de evangelización multilingüe utilizando herramientas digitales y virtuales antes del 31 de mayo de 2025.

SMART Goal #2 By December 31, 2025 we will have a written multilingual formation plan for all ages./ Para el 31 de diciembre de 2025 tendremos un plan de formación multilingüe escrito para todas las edades.

Priority #3 Discipleship: To draw and engage the faithful into a deeper experience of faith and relationship with Christ. Atraer e involucrar a los fieles en una experiencia más profunda de fe y relación con Cristo.

SMART Goal #1 Form a Family-wide multi-cultural youth ministry by September 30, 2025. /Formar un ministerio juvenil multicultural para toda la familia antes del 30 de septiembre de 2025.

SMART Goal #2 Create a unified discipleship plan and form and train a Discipleship Team for the OLOG Family by December 31, 2026./ Crear un plan de discipulado unificado y formar y entrenar un Equipo de Discipulado para la Familia OLOG antes del 31 de diciembre de 2026.

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