

St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting
December 12, 2016 7pm
St. Ann's Room

Present: Brenda, Herb, Sherry, Father, Laura, Julie, Ralph, Guest-Doris Mielke
Absent: Andy

Open w/ prayer: Father

1. Divine Renovation Discussion

- Ch 2 (Father- Deeper Dive)
 - Baptism fundamental sacrament recognized in Vatican II. Universal call for everyone: Holiness & Mission. We are all called, not just the priests, sisters and brothers.
 - Discussed evangelization. What does this mean? What does this look like? Why are we scared of this?
 - Church has become irrelevant in society. At Faith Formation, that is the one place we can try to reach them.
- Chapter 3-4 for January. Need to spend time on Chapter 5.
- 2. Buildings and Grounds Meeting- January 10th, 7:15 pm. St Anne's or in Church
- 3. Minutes from October -emailed and approved
- 4. Church windows-
 - a. Install on Thursday Dec 15-16th.
 - b. Committee meeting to discuss for finishing
- 5. Faith Formation update; joint council fundraiser mtg- Pancake Breakfast Feb 12, 2017. Will have a FF Meal Sponsorship promotion in December and January.
- 6. Stewardship responses- Second letters were sent out and some responses were received.
 - a. 34 of 250 responses were received.
 - b. Roger to put insert in bulletin.
- 7. Committees—Membership
 - a. Bldgs and Grounds Committee--members needed. Roger will be retiring first of the year.
- 8. 2017 calendar; winter months (Nov.--March) --no blood of Christ. Flu season.
- 9. Mass counts
- 10. Father Update:
 - a. Fr. Gregory at 4 1/2 years--6 is a typical term
 - b. This Fall Father needs to give his decision to Archdiocese.
 - c. Where is God calling us?
 - d. We need to each account for our gifts and how God wants us to use them.
- 11. Catholic Watchmen- St. Bernard/Ascension CW meet 2nd Saturday of the month 8-9:15am. From January to June they will meet at St Bernard's.
- 12. Catholic Schools Week (Jan 29- Feb 4) -
 - a. Highlight the schools that our children attend. GA, St Joe's, HF, St A
 - i. Guardian Angel's Catholic School Open house – Jan 12. Flyer in bulletins, sign. Brenda to provide to Pam/Patsy. Inserts on New Year's weekend.
 - ii. Holy Family Catholic High School Winter Open House Feb 2
- 13. School Bldg- Still some stuff remaining.
 - a. Sherry handed out questions for each person to complete
- 14. Finance
 - a. Faith Formation revenue has been more favorable than expected by roughly \$6000.
 - b. Need a report for pledges vs contributions at the next Finance meeting
- 15. Office Update – Sherry
 - a. Unexpected expense on the windows. Committee will be meeting.
- 16. Meeting dates (changed to accommodate a new member- Doris)
 - a. January 9th Monday 7-8:45 pm
 - b. February 1st 6:15-7:45pm (Wednesday)
 - c. March 15th 6:15-7:45 pm (Wednesday)

St Bernard Parish
Parish Finance Council - Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2016 - 7:00 PM

Attendees: Fr. Gregory Abbott, Ralph Laumann, Andy Kleindl, Laura Templin, Leo Willems, Sherry Witte, Connie Hoen.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 with prayer led by Fr. Gregory.

Approved Oct and Nov minutes after a few modifications made to the Oct minutes.

Financial Report update

- Collections are \$17,000 behind budget
- Total expenses are \$12,000 less than budget

Faith Formation

- Expenses are running over budget, primarily due to the weekly meal program, resulting in an expected shortfall of \$9,000. Financial donations are being sought out.

Catholic Service Appeal:

- There are still pending pledges.

Ongoing Progress Updates Building and Grounds

- Window Restoration – Donations of time, talent and materials have been received from parishioners to assist with cost. With the Forward in Faith plus the pledges, the Window fund has received \$73,761.
- Roof loan – A motion was made and approved to pay down the loan principal by \$10,000.
- School – All of the computers have been remove/donated. The boiler was identified to have a crack which will cost apx \$5,000 for welding.
- Cemetery – no updates.
- Air Conditioner – Sherry to contact Greg's Heating and Air Conditioning to confirm past quote.
- Sherry – No meetings this month.
 - Mass counts – Oct averaged 102 for Saturday and 134 for Sunday. November averaged 95 for Saturday and 98 for Sunday
 - Reminder – Saturday, Dec 31st will be the last day for 2016 donations. Anything received on Sunday will be included in the 2017 financials.
 - 5 Scholarships for Catholic Education were provided (\$1,000 each)
 - Snow removal – 3 bids were received. The hourly bid (\$70/hr) was selected.
 - Thank you was sent to the Cologne Fire Dept for the \$4,000 donation towards the fire prevention at St. Bernard.
 - Pam is retiring in 2017. More details to come.
- Christmas gifts - The Ladies Guild provided a \$25 gift card from Holiday to Father, Pam, Sherry and Bob Symanitz.
- Fr. Gregory's Report
 - Faith Formation meal sponsorship – goal of \$5,000 for both parishes.
 - B&G Committee – Invited all parish members.
 - FC mtgs—Discussion around monthly or other frequencies were discussed. Agreed that meeting monthly would continue – but the financial reports would be reviewed quarterly.
 - Stewardship- mailings were sent out with 45 responses so far.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm
January meeting – January 16th.