

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Discipleship Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by Chairman Polo Rodriguez and was opened with the Stewardship Prayer.

Those in attendance were Polo Rodriguez, Veronica Figueroa, Joe Colanero, Carolynn Leonard, Denise Curtis, Gerry Klock, Emma Pazos and Pat Walters.

- Minutes were approved as written.
- Joe was concerned about the content of the minutes that Father would handle complaints; Polo provided a concrete example of a family that did not get contacted about the ministry they were interested in joining. Gerry shared that Janice Howard made contact with them.
- Council formation discussion outcome is that Emma will offer uplifting Spiritual and Educational material for the Council's continued Faith formation at our meetings.
- The list of ministry speakers that provided left off three ministries that had spoken so we corrected that to include Family Promise-October 2014, CCW-December 2014 and Knights of Columbus-January 2015. After much discussion the following plan was arrived at: May-Outreach will speak; June-Vacation Bible School; July-Young at Heart; August-RCIA; September with the ministry fair, Stewardship Month, there will not be speakers.
- Greeter/Usher Ministry was tabled because Father Martino was not here at this time. However, the Council agreed that this was not working out because no discussion on the whole plan was held with the Usher/Greeters. The present members of the Council

were in agreement that we needed to return to books in the pews. We were under the impression that Parish Council was supposed to agree to it. There was a question about how it came about so fast. It has caused great confusion.

- Polo stated that Joe Bahm was sending him an email to invite him as Chairman to attend Parish Council meeting ins name of Discipleship Council, but he has not received the email yet. Joe stated that meetings are opened to the parish members and for him to just start coming beginning with April 18th's meeting.
- Polo has concerns about the Usher/Greet Ministry and that there are so few at 11AM Mass; five at this time. Each mass has a member in charge: 8:30 AM lead by Jim Richtman, with Rick Monteleone leading 11AM mass; Pat Galasco leading 5PM. ~~Polo is moving to 8:30AM but plans to support all three groups.~~ There needs to be an over-all coordinator like the lectors have. Polo plans to support all three groups as leader while another person is elected. It was discussed that Father said he would have a meeting for all ministry members and needs to follow through with that and if they don't show up, the Council thought they should no longer serve until they meet with Father. This flowed to how disorganized the Eucharist ministry looks although the first person on the list at each service is supposed to make sure there are enough ministers.
- Ministry Fair discussion found Pat and Emma in agreement that it should be every other year because following through takes six months to complete; Polo, Gerry, Denise and Joe were in disagreement and that it needs to continue every year at this time. This led to concerns about ministry chairs not taking their responsibility seriously to following through and contacting interested new people. It was suggested by

Denise that Ministry Chairs need to meet with Discipleship/Stewardship Council and told exactly what their responsibilities are because emails are confusing. At this time no member has stepped forward to take over the coordination of the ministry fair.

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NOT be handled by members but placed into a Ballot Box with only certain people handling them. Several people have complained that their slips were misplaced.

- 7 Steps has 15 people, which translates into 2 groups. Smaller groups lead to more discussion. Kathryn Powell and Gerry Klock will facilitate one group and Gerry asked Polo and Veronica to facilitate the other group. Discipleship Council will meet at 2:30 to setup and provide snacks this Sunday. It was decided weekly participants via a sign up sheet would bring snacks. Gerry will follow up on the participants who need baby sitting. Older children will have videos to watch in the church so video equipment needs to be brought from the youth group room each Sunday
- Emma will provide two Spiritual formation questions each week for the bulletin; an Adult and Youth question each to be placed in the same place weekly with the answer being printed upside down or on a different page. She will choose a theme each month.
- "Return" discussion was tabled since Fr. Martino was not present at this time.
- Budget concerns for 2016-2017 led to discussion that we needed to set more than \$500 since \$460 was spent on ministry booklet printing, updating them, miscellaneous cost for fair, ordering the Burgundy Books, Black or White Books for next year. The Council has requested newcomer's packets and has never seen one to look at. Joe has a few left to place in back of church.

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- We were getting ready to adjourn when Fr. Martino came in. We discussed [ed](#) our concerns about the books on carts and Father said he was surprised that the carts [with books](#) were present when he returned from out of town [because he had not discussed this idea with anyone else.](#) We will return to the books on the chairs until the Usher/Greeters ministry concerns are settled.
- Pat closed with a Reflection from the Gospel of Mark.
- Next Meeting will be held May 10,2016
We adjourned at 8:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Walters-Secretary