

**St. Boniface Catholic Church**  
**Discipleship Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 8, 2017**

Council attendance: Emma Pazos, Gerry Klock, Janice Howard, Dawn and Dale DeRoia, Fr. Martino, Veronica and Polo Rodriguez.

7:05PM Polo opened the meeting with the Stewardship Prayer.

The June 13, 2017, minutes were approved as corrected.

**Old Business**

**Council Formation:** Emma shared the Pope's Universal Prayer from the "Word Among Us" and recommended to read an article in the Southern Cross: "An Awfully Big Adventure" about Charlie Gard (the baby that died) written by Father Clark.

Discussion followed about the differences in the databases from Southern Cross and BAA, Dale also mentioned similar discrepancies with KofC database.

**Ministries Talks at mass:** Sarah Grooboge will speak for Children's Liturgy in August. Sue Woody will speak in September for RCIA. October and November are still open, possibly for the Ave Maria Shop and the Nursery, Mark to speak in January to talk about money for the building campaign and Parish Council in February to let people know their purpose and what they are doing, Outreach Assistance is also to be considered next.

**Book Return:** Father said to consider this as part of the Lent Program for 2018. Remaining books will be put up and promotion done next year.

**Welcoming Ministry:** Dale mentioned there's a good number of references, from a survey that was put in the bulletin, for several service providers and they were contacted to verify if they were okay to share their contact information. The breakfast with newcomers is planned for the first weekend of advent (Dec 3) between the two Sunday masses. All new members (past 6 months) are invited. Invite ministry leaders too.

**EMHC Ministry:** Fr. Martino will write Good conduct letter.

**Catholic Register:** Emma mentioned the first copies were gone quickly but the next ones are no longer getting much attention, she is worried that people are not aware they are available. Fr. Martino suggested to put

some key news together and make promotion. Emma will try to make a summary and send to Gerry or Polo prior to insert in the bulletin.

### **New Business**

**Discipleship programs:** Plan to have a Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7PM. Fr. Martino suggested to have them during October and November, not in December or Lent. Also, mentioned to involve Fr. Isadore and deacon Rick so they can promote the program.

Polo informed that Denise Curtis, Joe Colanero, Carolynn Leonard and Pat Walters are not attending our discipleship council due to personal reasons, Janice Howard said she will be attending regularly again. Fr. Martino suggested to put a note in the bulletin to invite more people to join the council.

Get the little blue books before Advent to hand them to all families. Order between 150-200 to start with or more if the price is \$2 or less.

Polo suggested to start a “media club”, list on the website all titles of CD’s, DVD’s and books for the interested parishioners to know what is available and have access to different evangelization resources. Fr. Martino recommended to ensure the books are catholic and are free of errors.

**Fathers comments:** Fr. Martino will leave to Rome but will return by Friday Nov 24. Since Christmas is on Monday, he asked us to consider if we should have a midnight mass on Sunday or not. He discussed the capital campaign and that the monthly bill for the new church can’t be more than 30% of our weekly income. Father requested that we work on a slogan for the campaign - one that could be worked into his homilies and would stick in everyone’s memory.

The next meeting is Sept 12<sup>th</sup>.

Polo closed the meeting with the glory be.

Sincerely Submitted,

Veronica Figueroa