

**St. Boniface Catholic Church  
Discipleship Council Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2017**

Council attendance: Polo Rodriguez, Emma Pazos, Denise Curtis, Gerry Klock, Carolynn Leonard, and Joe Colanero.

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

The Jan. 7, 2017, minutes were approved as printed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Council Formation:** Emma shared about the Saint of the Day for February 6, *St. Paul Miki and Companions*. Paul Miki was a Jesuit and native of Japan. He and 25 others were martyred for the faith by being crucified in Nagasaki, Japan, in 1597. They were canonized in 1862.

**Ministries to speak in the up-coming months:**

The Nursery Ministry wasn't able to speak the first weekend in February. Polo will recommend to Denise Burdick that they speak this coming weekend. The Family Promise Ministry will speak in March (Denise Curtis on Saturday, Brandi Ellis and Kathryn Powell on Sunday), Finance Ministry in April, and Rosary and Bereavement Ministries in May.

**Ministry Fair 2016 Update**

- 153 Commitment have been turned in, but 182 names were on the lists that the ministry leaders sent to Polo (i.e., some people didn't turn in a card).
- Polo has not yet received the rosters of people contacted from Youth Group and VBS (Lisa Ganser), Rosary Group and Bereavement Group (Charline Reynolds), and Extraordinary Ministers (Fr. Martino).
- Father still needs the number of people involved in Sacristans, Groundskeeping, and Outreach (Kathy O'Sako).
- Father may also ask us to estimate the number of hours that the committee & ministry members spend on their ministry work.
- The consensus of the committee was that we probably didn't need to have a Ministry Fair every year, but that we do want to get the parishioners to fill out some kind of commitment card every year.
- Polo stated that it is difficult to judge the effectiveness of the Ministry Fair, and that we might want to consider a different format when planning the next commitment event.
- Emma stated that the commitment card and Ministry List needs to be included in the Newcomer's Packet.

**Spiritual Formation Questions:**

Emma said that Pattie has questions to get through the month of February. She also stated that this item could be taken off the monthly meeting agenda for the time being.

**Book "Return" Update – No action due to Father's absence.**

### **Newcomers Packet/ Ministry:**

Gerry Klock spoke to the DeRoias about heading this ministry. She said that they are considering it and praying about it and will let Gerry know. If the DeRoias decide not to accept the position, it is recommended that we recruit relative newcomers to the parish to lead this ministry.

### **Spiritual Gift Workshop Update:**

The workshop will be held March 23 from 7-9PM in conjunction with RCIA class. Denise sent Father the Power Point presentation of the workshop to review, and Carolynn gave him the associated inventory and the list of how the gifts fit into the ministries at St. Boniface. Hopefully having the workshop with the RCIA class will provide the opportunity for the class members to meet parishioners. The program will be advertised several weeks ahead of time with announcements and bulletin inserts.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Second Collections** – The Pastoral Council voted to reinstate the separate second collection, and they asked that the Discipleship and Finance Councils vote on the issue also. Discipleship agreed with the decision, and Gerry will email Jack Cook asking him to obtain Finance Council approval. The suggestion was made to get different colored baskets and pass them directly after the main collection. Polo will ask Pattie to order more baskets to replace the ones that are showing wear (including the children's basket.).

### **New Discipleship Programs**

- a. Emma mentioned a topic that was brought up in Catholic Focus. The Hispanic parents in the parish are dealing with the issue of trying to raise their teenagers according to their culture and values that are in conflict with the secular values of the teens in this country. Polo stated that he has given thought to an Hispanic Ministry. More discussion is needed on this potential program.
- b. Gerry said that she had heard of a Grandparents Group that consisted of grandparents who were trying to make sure the grandchildren were brought up in the faith when the parents had fallen away. This is another potential program.
- c. Polo has several religious CDs that he would like to share with other parishioners, similar to a lending library. The method of getting the information out needs to be developed. We also would like to promote the library of religious books that we already have. The members agreed that the library is not in a convenient location for most people to use. Emma suggested that Polo talk to Mildred O'Connor, who was a librarian. Polo suggested that we encourage anyone who has read a book that they especially like to mention it in the bulletin.

The next meeting will be Tuesday March 14, 2017.

8:15 – Polo closed the meeting with a reflection from The Call to Evangelise.

Submitted by,

Denise Curtis