

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Discipleship Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2017

Council attendance: Polo Rodriguez, Emma Pazos, Denise Curtis, Gerry Klock, Carolyn Leonard, Joe Colanero, Pat Walters Corinne McCumber, Veronica Figueroa, Dawn and Dale DeRoia

7:03PM Polo opened the meeting with the Stewardship Prayer.

The Feb 7, 2017, minutes were approved as written.

Council Formation: Emma shared from The Little Burgundy Book. The devotion was about the state of children in Jesus time and how Jesus elevated all humans, as well as, children to a higher level.

Ministries to Speak: The Nursery Committee did not speak in February because Denise Burdick says that she is not getting support from those on the committee.

April has Finance scheduled to speak and Jack Cook will be asked to speak and arrange this.

For May Rosary and Bereavement will be asked to speak.

August is a good time for the Children's Liturgy ministry to speak.

The following ministries have not yet shared with the parishioners: those stated above and the following:

Parish Council, Baptism Preparation, Greeters and Ushers, Altar Servers, Choir and Musicians, Sacristans, Altar society, Outreach Assistance, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Polo suggested that people are intimidated to speak in front of the parishioners and it's falling to the same people all the time. Some members have spoken several times because they serve several ministries. It is a challenge to get different persons.

There will be no one scheduled in June or July over the summer.

Ministry Fair 2016 Feedback: Polo handed out beautiful Pie Charts and graphs to show us the number of people and the hours that each ministry contributes to the life of the church. Some of the information was used from last years' information because several ministries had not submitted current information, (ex: Bereavement, Rosary, Grounds-keeping). Virtus Training and the Religious Store do not show up on the information. It was suggested that they should be included.

242 people are involved in as little as 1 ministry and as many as 14 ministries, for a rounded off figure of 12,300 hours. This is something that Father Martino has requested and there was discussion that he would like to see what the dollar amount would be if there was pay for all we do within the ministries.

Father will be provided with these charts and graphs so that he can share them with the congregation. It was suggested that the Pie Chart showing the hours be inserted into the bulletin in the future.

Before that happens, Polo asked us to review the Chart for updates and changes. Pattie and Barbra Strickland need to be updated on the service ministries that are involved in monthly scheduling so they have a current list.

Issues that were discussed with all our ministries was making sure that EVERYONE get Virtus trained. It was originally if you were working with children and youth but the Bishop has requested that everyone who is involved in a ministry go through this training. It was discussed that several people that have been serving for a long time in ministries don't see the need to go through this training. It was suggested we need to have the training here about once a quarter. Cindy Felipe and Lisa Ganser are our team that offers training.

The training is done one time and then you can renew on line about every 5 years.

Spiritual formation Questions: Emma said that Pattie has plenty of questions, but only the children's questions are being used at this time. Gerry suggested to Emma that she give Pattie a call to include the adult's questions as well.

Book: “Return”; Newcomer’s Packet and Extraordinary Ministers: These topics were tabled because Father Martino was not in attendance.

New Ministry for Newcomers: Dale and Dawn DeRoia were in attendance because Father approached them for forming a new Ministry for Newcomers. They are willing to do this and Gerry and Corinne offered to help support them. Since we have no packet for newcomers it was discussed that this is important to have with a Welcome letter, Envelopes, the Debt of the Church and Ministries. Newcomers need encouragement and Dale and Dawn will meet with father Martino to discuss this ministry formation. They also will join the Discipleship Council as well.

Spiritual Gifts Workshop: Carolynn shared that RCIA is having the Spiritual Gift Workshop and that it has been opened to the parish for anyone that wants to come March 23rd, from 7-9PM. Light Refreshments will be served. Carolynn will ask Pattie to remind Father Martino to announce it at 5PM Mass and Rick Rafter will remind father on Sunday. Members were asked to bring a finger food.

New Business: The three Councils all voted that the 2nd Collection needs to be reinstated. Pattie is ordering a colored basket to pass at Mass. Hopefully by the end of March this will start again.

Polo is concerned about the Spiritual needs of the parishioners and suggested a survey be used by Discipleship. This was not popular among the members because our previous attempts have not shown enough interest.

Pat said that she did not feel comfortable offering programs that were generated from the Council because the Church needs to come together and discuss what they as a parish want to see happen similar to Parish Reflection Day that was held years ago. She also mentioned the Plan to Plan that Julie Smock wrote years ago might be something to revisit. Example of successful programs were mentioned such as Mom's Group, Study of John's Gospel, Lady's Book Study on Mary and Martha. Polo said it is our purpose to find ways to encourage people and asked us to think about this to discuss next time.

Pat shared that she would be leaving in May for several months and so someone needs to come forward to fill the Secretary's role. She closed the meeting with a Reflection from the Little Burgundy Book gospel of Mark.

Adjournment: 8:40PM

Sincerely submitted,
Pat Walters
Secretary

