

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Discipleship Committee Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Polo Rodriguez and was opened with a prayer by Father Martino.

Those in attendance were Polo Rodriguez, Father Martino Corinne McCumber, Morgan McCumber, Carolynn Leonard, Dolores Miller, Emma Pazos and Pat Walters .

Father needed to leave early so he talked about the following issues:

- He thanked the Discipleship Committee for the groups that were sharing their ministries and to please continue to do that.
- He has spoken to the 8:30 Ushers and given them a verbal warning about how he wants them to invite families to bring gifts.
- He wants his attention called to complaints about ministries and he will take those seriously.
- He stated that although participation might not be public, about 70-80% of the families are involved in ministries and then gave an example of seeing people straightening books on chairs after Mass.
- He had an issue for new business: He wants the ushers to keep the Liturgy Books on the 2 carts and to hand those out at the beginning of Mass. It makes a more personal contact. The parishioners can return the book at the end of the service. Polo was concerned that it would be hard to manage. Father said that the first name on the Usher list should be bolded and make that person the leader for that service. Pat's concern was losing new contacts because Ushers might not let Father know who is new but

Father was not worried about that issue. Emma and Morgan were concerned about losing ushers because of changes in responsibility. Corrine's concern was about those coming in on walkers and Father said the ushers should walk them to their seats and bring a book to hand them. Father said it places more responsibility about getting ushers here early and makes them more focused. Corrine said that they Ushers need to be positive about handing the books out in love.

- Father said the CD's that Polo put out have been successful. He then presented a book he was reading called "Return" about how to get your fallen away children back to the Faith. Father said it is extremely "practical" and we need to have them in bulk for our church members. Morgan is looking into this request.
- Carolynn and Pat are both concerned about the younger couples that are not coming forward to join the Discipleship Committee and it was suggested that we approach people and issue a personal invitation.

February minutes noted to correct Dolores Millers name and then approved as corrected.

Stewardship: A Disciples Response: Concepts discussed included:

Accountability: people need to see results

Communications: SB is doing a super job with this and Father is very good with announcements; we have poster, bulletin board items.

Fund Raising: BBA (Direct) and Smaller Amounts (indirect)

Leadership: When he came Father gave a 7year plan for St. Boniface. Emma brought up Parish Reflection Day that was held years ago in conjunction with the Disciples in Mission program and how vital that was for St. Boniface.

- Polo stated that we need to stick to the 1st week-end of the month for our ministry speakers. Outreach has April. Pat wants May for Lectio Divina but there may be a conflict. She is not yet ready to commit. Polo requested a list of those ministries that have spoken over Father time here and Pat will get him that list.
- Ministry Fair Update...Polo said that 85% of the ministries have given him the list of parishioners that are members. He is having trouble getting responses.
- 7 Steps- will be held April 10th to May 15. We need a head count so that Sara can plan for the nursery as she is heading into a busy time of her own. It take 1-3 workers and that needs to be scheduled. Carolynn will mention to Catherine to contact Sara with time frame. Sign ups have not taken place so that is the hold up at this point.
- Emma will do a spiritual formation for our committee only; this was her intent.
- New Business from Polo included DVD's about chastity for teens and the sacrament of marriage for couples. Discussion was held to 1st get Father's permission and then have requests to allow parents to view the tapes as they talk frankly about issues teenagers are facing including per-marital sex, masturbation, pornography and abortion, etc. He requested that we need to pre-view the tapes to answer questions when this comes about.
- Next Meeting Date – April 12, 2016
- Pat dismissed us with a Burgundy Book reflection.
- Adjournment was at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Walters-Secretary

