

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Discipleship Council Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017

Council attendance: Polo Rodriguez, Emma Pazos, Denise Curtis, Gerry Klock,Carolynn Leonard, Dolores Miller, Pat Walters Corinne McCumber, Veronica Figueroa, Dawn and Dale DeRoia, Fr. Martino.

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

The March 14, 2017, minutes were approved as written.

Council Formation: Emma shared about the history of the Deaconate with four questions. Can deacons marry? Permanent Deacons can be married men. What percentage of Deacons is married? 90% are married. A Deacon can't fulfill what services? The Deacon can't fulfill consecration of the Host, Confession, and Anointing of the Sick and Confirmation.

What country has the most deacons? The USA has the most deacons.

The deaconate was approved at the Council of Trent in 1560's but apparently not widely used and was reactivated in 1967.

Ministries to Speak: Jack Cook will speak for Finance in April. Charline Reynolds will speak in May for Rosary & Bereavement. August and September speakers will be contacted at a later date. Gerry suggested that Sue Woody be approached to speak for RCIA because she has a beautiful story to share as a convert.

Ministry Fair 2016 Feedback: Father shared that comments have been good about the charts that were in the bulletin. Colorful charts will be put in the bulletin board walking into the church and one will be sent to Bishop Hartmayer. Another insert will be placed into the bulletin at 11 am Mass because we ran out of bulletins during that Mass.

Dolores said that she thought the charts were lacking many hours of preparation but Polo explained that he could only collect and display what was reported to him. By Father talking about the importance of our ministries and the man hours involved, we hope that leaders will take more time and attention to report accurate input for next years

report. Polo brought up about adding the Ava Maria Gift Shop and Virtus Training hours, which were not included this year. He suggested that we increase the number of times we have Virtus training here for our parishioners. These are both ministries in themselves and do need to be added.

Corinne reported that due to windy weather she has not put up the stewardship banners as usual because one has been destroyed by the weather. She will get back to the routine as the weather calms down.

Book: "Return": Father will initially have two meetings about his plans for the book "Return". Thursday May 18th will be the first one and Sunday May 21st between the Masses will be the second one. In these meetings then the weekly or bi-weekly times should be set for sharing the book's suggestions.

The book must be read before joining the group because the plan is to share with each other the ideas that are working and try to put the knowledge gained from the discussions into practice. Father would like to have 2-3 meeting times set per week for people to have the opportunity to use the time best suited for them

Newcomer's Packet/Ministry: Dawn and Dale have been information gathering and contacted the Chamber of Commerce to help get information into the Newcomer's Packet. They want to include recommendations from parishioners for doctors, specialists, handymen, mechanics, etc. Father then wants to offer to host a quarterly breakfast in the rectory for the newcomers with the leadership of the Church attending. Each ministry can send a representative to answer questions for them and to encourage them to become involved. Ministries would rotate the preparation of a simple breakfast for the group.

Spiritual Gifts Workshop: Carolynn was very pleased with the Power Point that Denise used to develop a new presentation of the Spiritual Gifts materials and the turnout of participants. Her count was 24 people and she believes Father being willing to announce it at Mass makes a difference. Father said that he had 2 people who went because he did announce it and they shared they were really changed because of it. He has a projector that can make the viewing bigger and wants to offer it yearly possibly during Lent and he will continue to promote it as well.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Father sought the Council's help on approaching the EM. Two problems were discussed: Appropriate Dress and Absenteeism. Jeans are not appropriate attire and Denise suggested trying to explain the sacredness and reverence of the Mass in relation to a dress code. Absences happen at each mass and Father is scrounging for substitutes, or people are waiting to see if there will be enough EMs before walking forward to help and the Mass doesn't flow.

Dale suggested a training meeting as new EMs come in to go over the issues and a possible row for them to sit in reserved at each mass. Father likes for the families to sit together so the row idea doesn't fit his plan. He plans on writing each EM a personal letter with their responsibilities.

Polo suggested that Ems operate like the Greeters/Ushers, which seem to have smoothed out their issues. That would be having a leader at each mass whose job is to facilitate the process and make sure the Ems are there. EMs still need to take responsibility of getting a substitute themselves if they are going to be absent and then that sub needs to let the leader know that they are there to fill in.

New Business: Father said that Cindy Felipe's daughter is coming back to SBCC and will take over Children's Liturgy on Sundays. Cindy wants to start something call an "Apron Ministry" that will look to the needs of our own parishioners that need help such as grocery shopping or housing cleaning etc., as the needs arise.

Polo said the Discipleship Council's job is to grow the faith of the parish and after discussion it was agreed since next year is the

Gospel of Mark; we will have a book study on that Gospel. Gerry shared taking a study of Mark with Father/ Monsignor Schreck and how wonderful it was and she will look into the book she used. Father will contact Fr.Schreck about the study. Lent seems to be a good time to offer this study.

Pat will send Carolynn and Veronica the Quarterly Stewardship list that he is on so that they can continue with the reflections for the bulletins.

We need to set a budget for DC. We were asked to give Polo suggestions for the materials needed for programs and events and those projected. Corinne would like the Little Burgundy Book Gospel of Mark included for our parishioners. Veronica took the information. Father supports the cost of spiritual resources for our programs.

This is Pat's last meeting. Please be thinking about taking notes.

The next meeting is May 16th.

Sincerely Submitted,

Pat Walters
Secretary