

**St. Boniface Catholic Church**  
**Discipleship Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 9, 2016**

Council attendance included Polo Rodriguez, Veronica Figueroa, Joe Colanero, Gerry Klock, Denise Curtis, Morgan and Corinne McCumber, Emma Pazos and Pat Walters.

Polo opened the meeting at 7 PM with the members praying the Stewardship prayer.

May minutes were approved with a correction to Corinne's name.

Emma Pazos shared moments of EWTN's coverage of the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland that was started under Pope John Paul II over 30 years ago. This takes place every 2 -3 years with 2016 being the 14th World Youth Day.

Ministries scheduled to speak: May-Outreached Canceled; June-VBS- Lisa Ganser spoke; July- Young at Heart-Emma Pazos Spoke; RCIA- Denise and Carolyn are speaking August 12/13; Tentatively Nursery will be invited to speak in September; October was not discussed; November will be open due to Ministry Fair; Outreach will be contacted for December.

Greeter/Ushers: Polo said a person is in charge at each Mass: Pat Galasco for 5pm; Jim Richtman for 8:30AM; Rick Monteleone for 11 AM. It's getting better but there are still concerns about new people being welcomed at 11AM.

Ministry Fair is scheduled to take place November 5/6. No other activities should be scheduled that weekend. It was decided to print *in house* additional Ministry Booklets for the rack in the church before the fair; they need to be updated and have a more formal printing to give out in the newcomer packets after the Ministry Fair. They will not be handed out this year at the fair. We will hand out a updated list of ministries and Commitment Cards. We will redo the commitment cards taking out the times section and the treasure sections; we will take out the three symbols and make the cards user friendly with the directions

to check the box if you are currently interested or wish to join a ministry. We will create a ½ fold card and this will allow us to add a children's section for ages 10+ with the parent's permission to include Alter Servers, Choir, Children's Liturgy, Ushers/Greeter and VBS.

Polo suggested we add the following three questions to the Commitment Cards:

*\*What talents/skills do you have to share with St. Boniface?*

*\*What do you love to do?*

*\*What can St. Boniface do for you?*

We will have these changes approved by Father Martino.

Commitment cards will put into the White Box placed at entrance from Church to Narthex. People will have the entire month of November to turn in their cards. Council members do NOT need to accept the cards but direct people where to put them. This needs to be announced by Father because cards were misplaced last year; we decided the best solution is the White Box. Joe will work on the changes.

Each ministry will bring a snack and one door prize to be raffled.

Other topics discussed were requesting the Mass people go to and a place for Age. No decisions were made on these issues.

The Treasury section should be included in the new printing of the booklets and given out in the newcomer's packets. All people need to be aware that they should be contributing monetarily to the running of the Church, but Stewardship is a process for many members.

Stewardship Banners, the Book "Return" and Eucharistic Ministry reorganization topics were tabled since Father Martino wasn't in attendance.

Gerry reported that 7 Steps to financial Freedom was successful but the timing was difficult for many participants and the once -a-month meeting that people wanted only had 2 participants. The future of that is in question with busy schedules.

Spiritual Formation questions for Adults are popular. And it was decided that Emma will contact Celeste to see if they can discuss the Children Questions at CCD when the children gather for prayer at the beginning of classes.

Topic about the Newcomers packet led to discussion of mentoring Newcomers with a ministry but the priests we have had here have not been that interested in going forth with this idea. We will propose this to Father Martino.

Under New Business

New Ideas included:

***Giftedness Workshop:***

Tentative dates were set for a ½ day Giftedness Workshop to be offered before the Ministry Fair from among October 22, 29, 8 Saturday mornings. Denise has transferred Carolynn's notes to slides and this should enhance the program. We need to get Father's permission.

***Spanish Bulletin Inserts***

Veronica explained that the Spanish community could be welcomed and recognized by providing bulletin inserts. Pat said she can provide the Stewardship Message in Spanish and Polo can translate the additional part that Carolynn adds each week.

***Marriage Preparation Class***

Polo would like to see a marriage preparation class offered. Pat suggested that we need to look into having a ***Parish Reflection Day*** that could address these kinds of issues. We are tabling these suggestions since Father is not here to discuss them.

Tuesday, September 13 at 7PM

8:36 PM Our meeting was adjourned with a reflection by Pat from the Little Burgundy Book.

