

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Discipleship Council Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2017

Council attendance included Polo Rodriguez, Veronica Figueroa, Emma Pazos, Denise Curtis, Corinne McCumber, Gerry Klock, Carolynn Leonard Pat Walters and Fr. Martino.

7:06PM Polo opened the meeting with the Stewardship Prayer.

The November 15th, 2016 minutes were approved as corrected.

Council Formation presented by Emma encouraged us to set aside time daily in our lives to come into the presence of Jesus, to help us grow in holiness. We participated in a moment of silence and reflection together.

Ministries speaking in the up coming months:
Nursery Ministry has moved to February-Denise Burdick will speak. March will be Family Promise Ministry. April will be Finance Ministry and May will be Rosary and Bereavement Ministries.

Ministry Fair 2016- About 144 Commitment cards were collected at this time. Polo shared that about 50% of the ministries have returned their list to him and he hopes to have them all turned by February.

Gerry said that she had a parishioner approach her that hasn't been contacted but she learned that the card was put into the basket instead of the designated box. It was discussed that sometimes people will not really follow up themselves on getting them turned in.

Emma turns in 4 questions per adult and children each month but doesn't get much feedback. They might not make it in if there is not enough room in the bulletin. She will approach Celeste again about using the questions at the CCD gathering before classes start. Fr. Martino said that he would figure out how to use some of

the questions in his homily and that Father Lamb contacts him about things in the bulletin and has made no comments about the questions or Stewardship reflections so we will take that as a silent seal of approval.

Book "Return"- Fr. Martino will encourage as many people to read "Return" as possible through the first week of Lent. His vision is then to invite those that are interested to come to preliminary meeting to be held both on a weekend and during the week, divide by availability into groups of 10 people per group and discuss the book for the next 5 weeks, share ideas and pray and each group will pick a facilitator. He will make 10-15 videos to go with the book covering *to know God*, *to love God* and *to serve God*. He will concentrate on *to know God* for the first series. These will be available on our website. The purpose is to help people to know how to encourage their loved ones to return to the Catholic Church and to deepen our relationship with God. Father then will use the theme to Know, Love and Serve God for Lenten teaching on Friday nights.

New Comers packet/ Newcomers Ministry- Father likes to meet with the families for a more personal approach with newcomers. He said we have 5-10 inquiries a month. He likes to dine with them and is willing to have them to the rectory with the leaders of the church. Pat asked if anyone was interested in leading a Newcomer's Ministry and Father stated that he knows a couple that he would approach about leading the ministry. Corinne offered to help in any way she could.

Carolynn says that the Spiritual Gift Workshop will be incorporated with the teaching on the same subject with RCIA participants because of the low numbers that showed interest in October. It will be held March 23 from 7-9PM. Denise will provide Father with the Power Point program to review. Carolynn explained how it helps direct people to use their God given gifts in the correct ministries, which leads to enthusiasm instead of burnout.

The rest of the Agenda was tabled until the next meeting on February 7, 2017.

8:40- Pat closed the meeting with a reflection from the Little Burgundy Book.

Sincerely submitted,
Pat Walters
Secretary