

**St. Boniface Catholic Church**  
**Discipleship Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 10, 2016**

Those in attendance were Father Martino, Polo Rodriguez, Joe Colanero,Carolynn Leonard, Denise Curtis, Corinne McCumber, Emma Pazos and Pat Walters.

Polo opened the meeting with a prayer at 7 PM.

- April 12, 2016, minutes approved as written.
- Emma encouraged us to take advantage of EWTN programming. Exemplar shared is a program entitled **Extra Ordinary Faith**. Question posed was: *How has God made it possible for us to encounter Him on Earth?* Answer: *Every liturgical action especially the Eucharist and sacraments is an encounter between Christ and the Church.* It then explores aspects of our Catholic roots.
- Unfinished Business discussion included Ministries speaking each weekend. Outreach was postponed until November because of the Mass to celebrate the graduates. Father recognized High School Graduates with a gift of \$25 and College Graduates with \$50.
- VBS will speak at Mass in June, Young@Heart in July, RCIA in Aug, and the Nursery in Oct.
- Ushers/Greeters: Father said that since there is a person in charge of each Mass, he was officially going to give them the power to implement procedures with their team after he meets with all the leaders. Barbara Strickland will be updated on how this will work so she can schedule people with updated information.
- Eucharistic Ministers need to have a leader appointed (similar to lectors). The person should be experienced in the ministry and will lead the participants to take the responsibility to get a replacement if they can't fulfill their duty. Brian Milne, Sr. and Lisa Ganser were suggested. All the EMs need to be encouraged to not wear jeans when serving in this position.
- Ministry Fair 2016 will be held November 5 & 6; Joe Colanero is considering facilitating with the council member participation. He wants the Ministry Fair committee to meet with the ministry leaders to give them their procedures for welcoming newcomers to ministries and the follow-up plans. He said the Ministry Books needed to be up-dated with new information. There about 30

books remaining; Father would like to have more and place them inside the door of the Church to the right by the leadership billboard.

- 7 Steps update: the sessions are going well. There are 4 lessons left in the series.
- Emma's questions related to faith for Adults and Children submitted for the bulletin are popular and she will continue to submit these each month.
- Father has a plan for introducing the book "RETURN" to the parish. He is going to order 100 copies and have the council members read them for opinions; then he wants to encourage the parish members who are dealing with this issue to read the books and return them so others can read them. This will give everyone the opportunity to see the practical ways to evangelize our non-practicing family members to return to Mass. Father wants this to last about 2 months. He then wants to hold a ½ day reflection and form a support group/groups to meet and pray and share. His vision is that the reflection and support groups will start about Advent and then push on into Lenten Season. He says these books contain such positive ways to reach our non-practicing family and friends. Support groups should not be more than 15- 20 members.
- New Business: Father said the Parish Council is going to have more participants and this includes Polo (Discipleship Council) and Jack Cook (Financial Council) as ex-officio members. He says with the growth of the Church we need to expand Parish Council from 7 members to at least 9-12 members. Newcomer's packets are envelopes that contain a Welcome Letter, Tri-fold pamphlet with ministries and pledge cards, and Ministries Booklet...these are mailed out after Fr. Martino makes a personal call to the families. Father asked us to wear the new badges that have our name and ministries on them at Church for newcomers and visitors to be able to identify us. Corinne wants to order a new Stewardship Banner. Father said that if we would come up with sayings he will order several from Vietnam at a very low cost. It was suggested to have horizontal and vertical banners made and that the word Discipleship needs to replace stewardship. Pat will have these typed up and sent to Father and Polo by May 11 to expedite the order and delivery.
- Pat Closed with a Stewardship Reflection at about 8:20pm.

*Discipleship Banners (HORIZONTAL)*

**Discipleship:** Have you heard the voice of Jesus calling?

**Discipleship:** I heard the voice of Jesus calling.

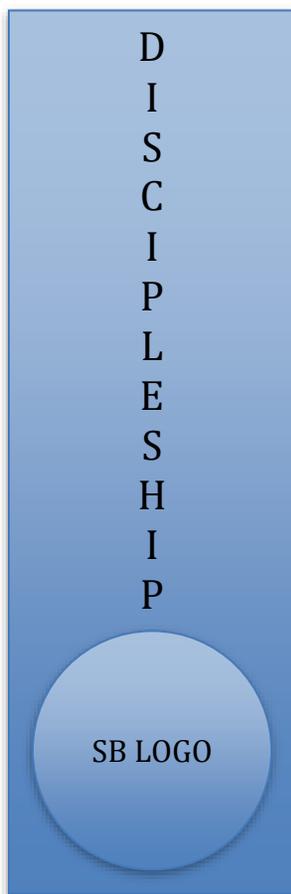
**Discipleship:** Responding to Jesus' call.

**Discipleship:** Whom shall I send?

**Discipleship:** Here I am, Lord.

**Discipleship:** Our call to Eternity.

**Discipleship:** If not me, then who?



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VERTICAL BANNERS

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