

St. Boniface Catholic Church

Discipleship Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017

Council attendance: Emma Pazos, Gerry Klock, Janice Howard, Dawn and Dale DeRoia, Corinne & Morgan McCumber and Polo Rodriguez.

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

The August 8, 2017, minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

Council Formation: Emma referred to several articles from the NCR (National Catholic Register) and informed she doesn't have the details on the money collected from the white box with donations for the 25 issues every other week; this initiative started in July and it was to be tried for 3 months but since there is good acceptance it was decided to keep going. Emma also made us aware of the Non-Catholic newspaper named National Catholic Reporter, meant for confusion of Catholics and in opposition of the NCR. She mentioned more emphasis needs to be given from the priest and bulletin and lector announcements.

Ministries Talks at mass: Polo provided an updated table with all ministries that have already given their talks since 2014 when this initiative started. November is for Cindy to speak on behalf of the Altar Society and Ave Maria Shop, Kathy O'Sako will speak in December about the Outreach Assistance ministry. Mark to speak in January to talk about money for the building campaign and Parish Council in February.

Welcoming Ministry: The breakfast is set for 22 new parishioners on Dec 3, between the two Sunday masses. Invitations will be sent on Friday. Three or four knights will help serve the food. The councils and ministry leaders are encouraged to attend and get to know the newcomers.

Bible Study: Polo said there is an average of 20 people attending the course, he had to accelerate the second half with double sessions to finish before advent. In general, it has been well accepted.

Little Books for Advent: Polo has the information to order them; the cost is \$0.90 per book. It was decided to buy 200 booklets and if more are needed they will be ordered afterwards. They will be handed out during the first weekend of advent.

New Business

+ Discipleship programs: there seems to be a parish need to continue with Bible Studies so it was decided to keep Wednesday evenings as a permanent day for bible study starting next year. The Bible and the Sacraments will be the next program and promotion should start in December.

+ Polo shared a program called "First Reconciliation" from the Dynamic Catholic he received on the mail. Gerry and Janice said they also got a similar package and it was suggested to give them to Celeste to consider using them in Children's Faith Formation.

+ Polo and Gerry mentioned that the Dioceses wants us to run a program called "Living the Eucharist" they received a package with pamphlets and brochures in English and Spanish, this topic will be discussed with Fr. Martino to agree on what to do.

+ Polo mentioned the intention to make a "Christmas Posada", after explaining the meaning and planned date (Friday December 22nd).

The next meeting is scheduled for December 12th.

Polo closed the meeting with a reflection from the burgundy booklet and a prayer.

Sincerely Submitted,
Veronica Figueroa