

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
1952 GA Hwy. 21 S.  
Springfield, GA 31329-5207

Office: (912) 754-7473  
Fax: (912) 754-1201  
Email: parishoffice@sbcatholic.com

**Parish Pastoral Council – Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 21, 2016**

Gerry called meeting to order at 7:10 pm with a prayer.

**Those in attendance:**

Gerry Klock, President  
Robin Smith, Vice President  
Lynn Duncan, Secretary  
Joe Colanero  
Lorraine Eachus  
Mike Felipe  
Polo Rodriguez, Ex-officio, Stw. Committee

**Those absent:**

Lisa Ganser  
Fr. Martino  
Rick Rafter  
Jack Cook, Ex-officio, Finance Committee  
Austin Czachowski, Ex-officio, Young Adult

**Disposition of Minutes**

Robin Smith made a motion that the minutes be accepted was seconded and, motion passed.

**Old Business**

CPR and Babysitting Training will be offered at the same time as defibrillator training. Date will be in January but has not been finalized. There is a small fee for this class.

**Ministry Updates-**

- (a) Lorraine- Hospitality Ministry- Attachment A
- (b) Joe- Service Ministry- Attachment B
- (c) Lisa- Formation Ministry- Attachment C- No report
- (d) Mike- Prayer Ministry- Attachment D

Ministry Fair Update- Fair is in one week. List of ministry participates will be released in December follow-up calls in January. Finding a sub to fill in when you have to miss a mass is quite difficult due to the policy of not releasing parishioner information. Gerry is going to talk to Patti to see if this is an issue that can remedied.

Lenten theme is on hold.

Monitors at Faith Formation doors during Faith Formation is on hold.

Carpet Update- No change

Don was able to talk to Gary, a parishioner who is an electrician, about LED lights for the church. Gary is going to check into pricing on materials and installation. No Change.

Alter servers' robes are cleaned and maintained by a parishioner, Monica Bahm has checked in with her and alterations and cleaning will continue.

Concern was issued about not having a second collection any more. It seems like the charities and missions our diocese supports are not getting the amounts that they used too and as Catholics giving to others is an important part of our community. Some suggestions to avoid the basket going around twice

would be:

- (a) Have special envelopes printed and available at the end of the rows for those who would like to give to the second collection.
- (b) Have the Lector announce at the beginning of Mass that there is an additional collection and what charity.
- (c) Go back to having the baskets passed a second time.

Second Collection is on hold.

Hurricane Matthew caused a bit of damage to the main church building. Insurance estimates \$7000 in damages.

Thanksgiving dinner will be held at the Church. Over 30 people RSVP and then an additional group of Father's guests will attend after the Thanksgiving Mass.

#### **Finance Update- Jack Cook**

No Update

#### **Father's Update- Fr. Martino**

No Update

#### **New Business**

Parish Directory is still moving forward as part of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Debbie Rafter has volunteered to take pictures. Parishioner information can be published in directory if the parishioner gives permission.

Donations of Christmas China and Silver Tea Set were given as possible raffle prizes. It was suggested to have the Christmas China Raffle soon as it is the perfect time of the year for it.

It was brought up about some churches have signs on the road to help locate their church. It would be nice to see if it is possible for us to have directional signs in Springfield. Gerry Klock is going to talk to Kenny Usher.

#### **Announcements**

Not at this time.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Monday, December 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:00 PM, with a prayer.

#### **Attachment A- Lorraine**

#### **Hospitality Report**

##### **Family Promise- Gerry Klock**

Family Promise will be hosting the week of December 4<sup>th</sup>. And scheduling of hosts is being completed.

The calendar for 2017 has been approved and St. Boniface will be hosting Feb. 5, April 30, Sept. 10 and Nov. 29.

Currently there are 2 families in the program and we have been notified that one of the will be graduation to transitional housing where they are responsible for deposit, monthly rent based on income and begin to build credit and work at budgeting. Our St. Boniface family has again been generous in donations to this family.

##### **Young @ Heart- Emma**

The Young @ Heart group is in its 7<sup>th</sup> year. Interest is still strong. Recently, small groups attended the Veteran's Park Ceremony on Nov. 11, others attended a special concert at Sacred Heart in Savannah, this week our program emphasized better and healthier food to ward off or delay illnesses.

On Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> we will attend the Effingham Orchestra Christmas Concert in Springfield.  
Personal Note- I strongly believe we don't do enough to make new parishioners integrate. A quarterly get-together to get acquainted is the bare minimum to offer an upgrade in our hospitality

**Bereavement**

No Report

**Greeters & Users**

No Report

**Parish Life**

Comment has been made that Fr. Martino missed a couple of parish activities. They think that his presence at parish functions should be more important to him.

**Attachment B- Joe**

**Service Ministry**

**Altar Society - Monica Bahm**

This month we are making preparations for Advent and Christmas. Date for decorating the church for Christmas will be announced in the bulletin. The children's Christmas Eve pageant is already planned and currently in the bulletin.

Families are invited to bring their manger scenes for display in church this weekend (Nov 26 and 27) and next weekend. Father Martino will bless them. Participants are asked to pick them up after the 11:00 am Mass on Dec 4th.

**CCW - Loretta Dahlweiner**

CCW meeting & Christmas party on December 6th at 7 pm. Deanery Christmas party at St. James Church on December 10th from noon to 3 pm. CCW Mass on December 11th at 11 am. Barren tree separate categories on Dec 18th.

**Groundskeeping - Tom Liebl (Pattie Liebl reporting)**

Nothing for November.

**Knights of Columbus - Paul Tanguay**

Just held successful Golf Tournament on November 12th. Cooked breakfast for church on November 20th. Donated 2 boxes of coats to St. Boniface for Coats for Kids program. Will be having Christmas party on December 17th.

**Money Counters - Pattie Liebl**

What can I say - we count money each week.

**Nursery - Denise Burdick**

No report submitted.

**Outreach Assistance Program - Kathy O'Sako**

We're moving right along with our ministry. We have many wonderful volunteers that are helping for the right reasons. We're planning on a fundraising raffle for Christmas. We'll be raffling a Yeti cooler kindly donated by the Knights of Columbus. We're giving out our thanksgiving baskets this Monday, November 21. So far there are 36 families that will receive them!!!!

**Parish Outreach - Pattie Liebl**

Delivered 39 coats to the homeless liaison at Effingham County high school for the needy. She had 2 children in her office that needed coats when we delivered them. All they could say was thank you, thank you, thank you.

**Prison - Gerry Klock**

After much effort we are finally moving forward with Coastal Prison. Looks like Tom Matyjesick and I will be meeting with the Chaplain in the near future to discuss posting information on the program. St. Boniface teaches "Houses of Healing". Hopefully we will begin the program early in the new year.

**Pro-Life - Alan Bazemore**

No report submitted.

**Attachment C- Lisa**

**Formation Ministry**

No Report

**Attachment D- Mike**

**Prayer Ministry**

**Sunday Choir- Gerry Depalma**

The choir is very simplistic. We don't have minutes of meetings nor do we meet. We only meet to go over music for the Mass. I have no idea if anybody signed up to join the choir. No one talked to any of us. So I would say we don't have any new members

**Lectors- Denise Curtis**

Once I get the list of new people I will schedule a couple of training sessions and get them on the rotation. As discussed during the Discipleship Council meeting last night, it may be mid-December before we are given the list, so it will probably be January before I can have the training.

**Servers- Bill Fogarty**

I held altar server training classes on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 10 and on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 12. The training dates were announced in the bulletin on the two weekends before the training. I was at all three weekend masses on Stewardship Sunday to speak to anyone interested in becoming a server. Only two people asked about becoming a server, one of them came to the training. Two contacted me based on the bulletin announcement, and they also came to training.

Three people came to the training on the 10th, no one came on the 12th. Trained were youth Julian Briones (11:00 mass) and adults Robert and Marlene Mondziel (5:00 mass). I sent their names and mass preferences to Barbara Strickland and to Pattie Liebl. All three are scheduled to serve on the first weekend in December, and the Mondziels will serve again on Dec. 31. Several other people have expressed some level of interest. I have offered to train them between the Sunday masses, but I have no plans to offer Thursday or Saturday classes again any time soon. I updated the altar server guidelines a couple of weeks ago. Patti has a copy of that in the church office.

I believe we could use more servers for the 8:30 Sunday mass because "volunteer" it often the third server scheduled. I do not know how many altar servers we have. I do not keep a list of servers and I do not have their email addresses. Any mass communication is done through the parish secretary, and Barbara Strickland has a roster of their names and makes the monthly schedule.

**Saturday Choir- Mary Mistak**

Being in choir is a special calling, and very few people ever join us. Takes nerve to sing. (Some of us have been doing it for more years than we care to reveal...so that fear is long gone!). We meet Tuesdays, 6pm in church. We sing anytime Father asks us, funerals, Veterans Day, etc.

We also sing in the community, three times a month, three different nursing homes, all year long, and have done that for years too. We are joined in that endeavor by some folks from a variety of places and churches. We will sing at Effingham HS, December 7, in their main hall, caroling with the Pre-K, that's us.

Submitted by Lynn Duncan, Secretary, December 19, 2016.