

St. Boniface Catholic Church

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Parish Pastoral Council – Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 16, 2022

Those in Attendance:

Fr. Martino
Robin Smith, President
Louisa Fisher, Vice President
Susan Doyle, Secretary
Aaron Gilstrap
Ron Proveaux
Mary Jane Heyman
Barbara Rafferty, Ex-Officio, Finance Committee

Those absent:

Rick Rafter, Ex-Officio, Deacon
Lisa Ganser

Meeting opened at 7:00 with a prayer by Fr. Martino followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Disposition of Minutes:

Minutes from March were discussed for corrections or additions. Ron made a motion to approve the minutes and Robin seconded the motion.

Unfinished Business:

1) 7 Sisters Program – Tabled for now

2) Parking Lot – There are concerns about the parking lot. Will the building be high enough for the water to flow away from it back into the parking lot? Fr. said that the building will be higher than the parking lot and the water will flow out of the parking lot and not towards the building. It is hard to get enough crushed asphalt right now because builders are using this. We will be contacted when there is enough commercial grade asphalt to use for our parking lot in the amount we will need each time.

3) Parish Council Election – The election will take place June 4th and 5th. It will stay opened until June 10th, and the results will be counted at 5:00 on June 10th. Officers will be voted on in the June 20th Parish Council meeting and take office as of July 1st.

Reports:

Ministries Updates:

Prayer – Ron Proveaux – no report

Service – Mary Jane – no report

Formation – Lisa Ganser – absent – no report

Hospitality – Aaron Gilstrap – no report

Committees:

Finance – Barbara Rafferty – We submitted the budget to the diocese. All ministries' budgets were approved and raised in some cases. Based on where we were last year at this time (9 months out of the 12 month year) we were doing very well until April. Last year's offertory was \$342,000. We budgeted for \$384,000 in collections – we budgeted for \$50,000 more to allow for everything that could happen. The Building Fund continues to grow. We collected \$68,000 last year towards the Building Fund. As of the end of March, we have collected \$59,000 so far this year. We do not have the numbers for the Special Projects' donations yet (however, someone did give a donation of \$10,000 the first weekend). These donations will be taxed. Anything we collect except the Capital Campaigns Fund and Outreach – Poor Box – is taxed.

Building – Gerry Klock – absent: no report

Discipleship – Connie Cordeira – absent: no report

New Business:

1) Parish Picnic – Parish picnic is Saturday – Fr. says Parish Council members should be there if possible.

2) Painting of the Religious Education Building – Sarah would like a lighter color. Pattie says it should not be too light – it will show the dirt. VBS is the 13th – 17th. We will plan on the first part of July to paint – not over the weekend, though. This will be advertised in the bulletin. Display and advertisement of this should be placed in the narthex, also. Families or different groups should be signed up for different areas in the building. Suggestion: we could have family names on hats with different families that have contributed to the painting on display for the church to see. Places where the two walls meet need to be taped. Ron and Aaron will write down the supplies needed.

3) Annual Chicken Dinner – The suggestion was made not to do this the first weekend of hunting season. Another suggestion was to use cookies for meals instead of pound cake – they keep better in the dinners than the pound cake. The request was made to get a log splitter now and start cutting the wood so it could dry before the weekend of the chicken dinner. The Parish Council oversees the chicken dinner – headed up by Rick Rafter and Chris Webber (Robin will speak with them and see.)

4) Oyster Roast – This is handled by the Parish Life ministry – headed by Janice Howard. This will take place around the middle of November – November 12th was discussed as a possibility.

Calendar of Events:

May 21st – Parish Picnic

June 13 - 17 – Vacation Bible School

June 19 – Father's Day

June 20th – Parish Council vote on new officers

July 1st – New Parish Council officers take office

July 5th – 8th or 11th – 15th – Painting of Religious Education building

October 7th & 8th – Annual Chicken Dinner

November 12th – Oyster Roast

Fr. Martino:

1) Rumors – Before building of a church takes place, the diocese has to look at the diocese as a whole to determine what is needed. Fr. Martino is on the diocese planning committee. They have a ten year plan they are looking at. There will not be any new churches built to accommodate Catholic parishioners between Springfield and Sylvania or between Springfield and Statesboro. St. Boniface will serve as the church for these areas. The idea is for St. Boniface to be the metropolitan church on this end of the diocese. If new churches are built, the diocese would be spread too thin in the placement of priests and in serving the needs of parishioners. If we hear of anyone saying otherwise, we need to let them know what the diocese has said.

2) Chalice – A chalice will be given out to a family each week to take home and pray for vocations. This will take place after each of the masses starting at the beginning of the new school year. The family will put this in a place of honor in their home and pray for vocations and our priest.

Closing Prayer – Our Father – said by all

Meeting Closed at 7:46

Next Meeting June 20, 2022

Minutes Submitted by Susan Doyle