



St. Benedict Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 13, 2009

Time: 1900-2040 MST

Parish Director: Deacon Sherman
Chairperson: Mike Force
Minutes Prepared By: David Dalton

Council Members in Attendance:
David Dalton
Mary Preston
Fred Murillo
Joe Gustafson

Mike Force
Jeff Klimek

Council Members Absent:
Ron Stark (excused)
JD Ross (excused)
Doug Stepanek (excused)

Guests/reason for visit:
Doug Burrer – Monthly Finance Report

*** note: due to issues with the recording device minutes of the meeting for Oct 13 were recorded for the first 35 min only. After that is from memory.

Topic	Discussion
Opening Prayer	Deacon Sherman opened with prayer
Motion to excuse missing council members	Present Council members voted to excuse all missing members.
Review and Approval of Minutes from last meeting	Reviewed Minutes of Sept 8, 2009, Motioned to approve made by Joe Gustafson with second by Mary Preston Action: Approved by all present
Presenter: David Dalton Topic: New Minutes format discussion	David Dalton lead the discussion on the new format for the minutes. Mike Force brought up that we need to have a consistent format and it was discussed with David Dalton that this format would be more professional and easier to read. This format went through several iterations to get to the current format.

<p>Mike Force Topic: Review of written Reports</p>	<p>Religious Education - Nothing to report this month.</p> <p>Security ministry - In Sept there will be a training session with the Ushers and anyone else who would like to show up to bring continuity to those who are watching over the mass. Sept 20th will be the training</p> <p>Outreach - Nothing for this month's meeting. Looking toward Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas. Next meeting in a few weeks.</p> <p>Facilities - Patio door was replaced. - Crushed rock was placed in the drive way. - Sprinklers were turned off for Winter.</p> <p>Health - No Flu vaccine this year.</p> <p>Liturgical - Will stop the distribution of the Precious Blood until the H1N1 virus is no longer a viable threat. We will also suspend the hand shake for the Sign of Peace.</p> <p>KofC - Tootsie Roll Drive is starting</p> <p>Respect for Life Ministry (New) - Just started. Nichole will Chair this new ministry. She did this over at OLP and was willing to be the Chair within St. Benedict as well. Welcome to the new ministry.</p> <p>H1N1 is a risk and will be treated as such for the time being.</p>
<p>Doug Burrer Topic: Parish Finance Report</p>	<p>Doug Reported total finance report with hand outs. (See Finance report for details)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bishops Appeal is at 80% of goal. - Annual finance review was complete. Nothing glaring in the report. There was a few small issues, but nothing major. - Project 13% high income. We are on schedule for this at this time. - Matthew 25 received to date, on track to recover 2x what was in the initial giving. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Small discussion around the Matthew 25 project - Discussion around the amount to be kept in the checking account. That amount will be at a minimum, \$20,000. That allows for at least 2 months of bills if there were no income for some reason. - Looking at the number for cost of the new building. In beginning stages.
<p><u>OLD BUSINESS</u></p>	
<p>Mike Force Topic: Council Position Vacancy</p>	<p>David Dalton brought to the council an updated version of the Vacancy proposal. It was discussed, edited and the edits will be made and brought back for final approval next month.</p> <p>Action: Dalton to update and bring back.</p>
<p>Mike Force Topic: Matthew 25 Project update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only two people have returned talents to date. - Discussed the ideas around having a party after mass on the day of returning envelopes. - Deacon Lynn requested that all council members send in a “Experiential Reflections” form. This would describe the experience that the people had with this project. Also hand them out to people and encourage them to return them. This will help to show how much this did for the parish and allow us to explain to other what and how the parish did this project and what it did for the parish.

Mike Force Topic: Offertory Enhancement Appeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The finance council brought discussed the offertory Enhancement Appeal that the diocese is proposing and they thought that with the Matthew 25 project going on that this would not be a good idea. They also brought up that this might help bigger parishes, but that this was not something that St. Benedicts would benefit from at this time.
NEW BUSINESS	
Mike Force Topic: Catholics Come Home Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diocese is looking into doing the Catholics Come Home program. This is a series of commercials that will run during the week of Christmas and the week after. It is targeted at bringing back Catholics that have become lacks in going to church and others that have left the church for whatever reason. - Deacon asks that every go out to the website and look at the videos of the commercials. Website: http://www.catholicscomehome.org/ - There was a discussion around this and all thought it was good idea.
Director's Report	
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Directors Report	(Sorry, I had zero notes for this one)
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Closing Prayer	Deacon led the council in closing prayer
Adjournment:	Next Meeting Location: Parish House Date: Oct 13, 2009 Time: 7:00pm (1900) MST