



St. Benedict Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 13, 2009

Time: 1907-2100 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

Council Members Absent:
 David Dalton (excused)
 Ron Stark (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	Dalton did not send out the minutes and so they will be reviewed in next month's minutes Action: None

<p>Mike Force Topic: Review of written Reports</p>	<p>Religious Education - Nothing to report this month.</p> <p>Security ministry - Nothing to report this month.</p> <p>Outreach - Held the meeting, received a donation from a generous donator. Putting together the baskets for Thanksgiving. - Most of the basket will be procured through FoodShare America this year for ease of putting the baskets together, instead of have buy go out and do shopping. -</p> <p>Facilities - Greg Tencer has been promoted and he will be moving to Houston. He will not be able to run the Building Committee any longer. Greg wants to stay involved as much as possible as he will still have an office locally. The building committee will need to adjust and continue working. - Need to complete the plan for the building, in works. -</p> <p>Health - Want to schedule a health checkup, just need to move on it. Looking to do it around Christmas time frame.</p> <p>Liturgical - Received a donated Gold Baptismal fount from Leadville parish. - Have all new Missals to change out for Advent. Need to move over the plastic cover. - New lector books are in and being distributed. - Sound system setup is being done by the choir. This is causing downtime from warm-up before mass. Need someone to help setup/test sound system, so the choir can do what they do. Music needs a tie into Liturgy, a liaison to the Liturgist. - Lack of priest in the northern Deanery. We are at Critical mass with lack of priests. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A number have left the diocese, leaving us with scheduling issues. o Need a new person to learn SCAP with Greg leaving. o Need to let the parish know what is going on. -</p> <p>K of C - Nothing to report this month. -</p> <p>Women's Group - Nothing to report this month -</p> <p>Respect for Life Ministry (New) - Nothing to report this month</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"> - Had a very very weak offertory in Oct. - Charitable giving has a little over \$1000.00 in a payable account. Need to figure out how to spend the money. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How do we break that down to sizeable chunks (in the future as it grows) o Money does not need to spend all in one year, can carry over. o Outreach does not want to take on that extra money, so we need a council to give advice to the parish director on ways to spend that money wisely. o Deacon wants council to pray on who may be able to take this role on. - Need to do a parish update during Mass from the Finance Council. - Number of people who have not closed out Matthew 25 is about 6. Need to close out this project and have the Closing Ceremony.
<p>OLD BUSINESS</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 update and actions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are 8 families still not closed out. - Will need to contact those families that have not returned the money. If they had to use it for other things (bills or other things) that is alright, just need to find out what to do. - Deposit of funds to a special CD that is earmarked as the Matthew 25 CD. There is roughly \$13,000 in the account and will move in to a CD. This will occur after we contact those families. - Please send the "Experience with Matthew 25 project" to Deacon Lynn - Discussed the Celebration plans for the parish.
<p>Mike Force Topic: Bi-Laws</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final wording for "Replacement of Vacancies". - Final wording for "Excused Absences". <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Adjusted the wording for the number of absences. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "when the number of absences exceeds 3 in the Fiscal year" <p>Vote for "Replacement of Vacancies": Approved by all Vote for "Excused Absences": Approved by all with above change</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	
<p>Mike Force Topic: Funding sources for Prayer Shawls</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need funding source for yarn for the Prayer Shawls. Cost is about \$15 a Shawl. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The outreach committee has \$100 in their budge to fund such ventures. That is about 8 shawls. It is a start. o Discussion was held and the council will reply that the \$100 will be used as the seed money.
<p>Fred Murillo Topic:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fred Murillo's oldest son, Arami, will be leaving to go into the Navy. Fred asked the Deacon or that Father Jeffery offer a special prayer for Arami.
<p>Director's Report</p>	
<p>Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Directors Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invited the council to pray for the parish and for God to help us define the direction for the parish. Ask others to join us in this prayer and to join the parish in helping. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Discussed what this might take and look like. o Would it take a school, a church building, how do we get more people coming and involved. o How do we get the build started, up and useable? o Discussed the possibility of second collections for building fund. That discounted after a short discussion. -
<p>Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Deacon led the council in closing prayer</p>
<p>Adjournment:</p>	<p>Next Meeting Location: Parish House Date: December 15, 2009 Time: 7:00pm (1900) MST</p>