



St. Benedict Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 15, 2009

Time: 1900-2108 MST

Parish Director: Deacon Sherman
Chairperson: Mike Force
Minutes Prepared By: Mary Preston

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

Mike Force
Doug Stepanek

Council Members Absent:
Ron Stark (excused)
JD Ross (unexcused)
Jeff Klimek (excused)

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

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Topic	Discussion
Opening Prayer	Deacon Lynn Sherman opened with The St. Benedict prayer
Motion to excuse missing council members	Present Council members voted to excuse Ron Stark and Jeff Klimek. Action: JD Ross unexcused (sent regrets later in the week)
Review and Approval of Minutes from last meeting	Reviewed Minutes of Oct13, 2009 and Nov10 2009 Motion to approve made by Joe Gustafson with second by Mary Preston Action: All present approved minutes after a few noted corrections were made.
No new guests	No new guests or Parishioners to be heard

<p>Mike Force Topic: Review of written Reports</p>	<p>Religious Education - Nothing to report this month. Security ministry - Nothing to report this month. Outreach There were 26 Thanksgiving baskets handed out in the Peyton, Calhan areas. - Another 22 – 26 to be handed out for Christmas. - The Baby Shower for the Life Support Center will be in February. - The Giving Tree will be in the back of the Church again Sunday Dec. 20th. - Also the Pajama Program for Foster Children will start after Christmas. Facilities - The Back Patio deck is in the process of being replaced. The old deck has been removed and when weather permits, the new deck will be built. Health No Flu vaccine this year. Liturgical - The distribution of the Precious Blood has been reinstated for now, since the H1N1 virus is no longer a viable threat. KofC - No Report Repect for Life Ministry (New) - No Report Women's Group - Woman's Story Annual Retreat will be at Mount Saint Francis Friday evening January 29th and Saturday January 30th A bus trip to the San Luis Valley to the Stations of the Cross is being checked into By Theresa Garnhart. If 55 people can go the cost will be \$50.00. This cost Includes lunch and a movie. -</p>
<p>Doug Burrer Topic: Parish Finance Report</p>	<p>Doug reviewed the finance report with hand outs. (See Finance report for details) - Bishops Appeal is at 84% of goal. St. Benedict parish has pledged a total of \$8,545.00 of our Parish Goal of \$9,933.00. - A special Finance Council Meeting will be held on Jan. 6th Results of this meeting - Will be discussed at the Jan. Parish Council meeting. - The Matthew 25 talents received to date has doubled the amount distributed.</p>
<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>	
<p>Mike Force Topic: Council Position Vacancy</p>	<p>Ron Stark has resigned from St Benedict Pastoral Council position. Several possible replacement candidates were discussed by the group, Deacon Lynn Indicated he had spoken with one but had not received an answer yet.</p>
<p>Mike Force Topic: Matthew 25 Project update</p>	<p>- Four more people have returned talents to date. - Hospitality served cake, cupcakes and coffee after mass on the day of returning envelopes for the Matthew 25 Project. - The Matthew 25 Project was a success rendering our Parish 101% return for our Building fund as well as accomplishing our original goal of growing a more engaged Church.</p>
<p>Mike Force Topic: Plans for developing Worship space</p>	<p>- Discussion of accelerated plans for developing worship space included plans to call a meeting and to find someone now to take up Greg Tensors position. Someone with leadership skills, construction management and coordinating talent is needed. This Person needs to meet with the building committee to decide what to build. Some - Possible candidates were discussed. We also need to asses the Parishes capacity and willingness to participate in this process.</p>

NEW BUSINESS	
Mike Force Topic: Catholics Come Home Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friday the 18th of December, Catholics Come Home will air on television at all different times. These ads are powerful messages for anyone and an invite for all Catholics who for one reason or another do not go to church but would like to come back home. For more information : - Website:http://www.catholicscomehome.org/ - There was a discussion around this and all thought it was a good idea.
Director's Report	
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Directors Report	No Directors Report
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Closing Prayer	Deacon led the council in closing prayer
Adjournment:	Next Meeting Location: Parish House Date: January 12, 2010 Time: 7:00pm (1900) MST