



St. Benedict Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 12, 2009

Time: 1900-2105 MST

Parish Director: Deacon Sherman
Vice-Chair: Fred Murillo

Chairperson: Mike Force
Council Secretary: Mary Preston

Council Members:

David Dalton Jeannie Berens
 Mary Preston JD Ross
 Joe Gustofson Jeff Klimek
 Doug Burrer (Finance committee)

Guests:

Joe DeBenedittis
 Joe Bauer

Topic	Discussion
Opening Prayer	Deacon Lynn Sherman opened with The St. Benedict prayer.
Motion to excuse missing council members	JD Ross was missing and was voted as excused.
Review and Approval of Minutes from last meeting	Reviewed Minutes of Dec 13, 2009. Motion to approve by Mary Preston second by David Dalton Action: All present approved minutes after a few noted corrections were made.
Guests: Joe DeBenedittis Joe Bauer	Joe DeBenedittis discussed grants that he was looking into for the church to use for building the new church and other various reasons. Joe has also looked into getting someone to do the grant writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deacon said that there is a grant writer within the church out of the Denver Diocese. - Joe has been talking to an attorney about some of the legalities as well. - Joe Talked with Greg Tensor as well about having El Paso Tel put in the lines. As soon as there is an immediate need the lines can be put in. May be some grant from El Paso Tel as well. - Some discussions around this topic happened in reference to land use, reporting requirement and some other items that can come up with getting grants. Joe Bauer was there to help answer questions around the finance work discussed.
<u>Reports</u>	

<p>Mike Force Topic: Review of written Reports</p>	<p>Facilities (Joe) - The deck has been completed</p> <p>Health (JD) - Deanna M. is going to step down as lead.</p> <p>Security (JD) - Will bring in a document about what to do in an emergency.</p> <p>Knights of Columbus (Mike) - Looking to do a Pancake Breakfast - Basketball free throw was a success - K of C is sponsoring a seminarian. Would like to have him come to Mass and have him talk about Religious life after Mass in with the coffee afterwards. Joe DeBenedittis suggested that the confirmondi might be involved as well.</p> <p>Liturgical (Mary) - Availability of a contracted Priest. Looking for when the Priest could start and also looking for mileage he will need for travel. Working with St Michael's on cost splitting. - Doug asked for a key to the closet, so that there can be another person who can open on Sunday.</p> <p>Religious Education (Mary) - Had a Diocesan Catechetical meeting. It went well. Mary read the update a loud.</p> <p>Women's Group (Mary) - Women's group is looking at doing a walking Stations of the Cross. Need people to sign up. This will be in the bulletin.</p> <p>Outreach (Dalton) - No response from the other churches about the Baby Shower. St Benedict will do this solo again this year.</p> <p>Respect for Life (Dalton) - Nicole Meier will head up this ministry. Deacon Lynn to get contact information to Dalton</p>
<p>Doug Burrer Topic: Parish Finance Report</p>	<p>Doug reviewed the finance report with hand outs. (See Finance report for details) Major topics: (this was an extended discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offertory has held steady since July. There will be a short fall. - Looking for the parish to up their contributions, \$8.83 a week. We have not asked since Nov of 2008. - Doug will talk at the Mass as an update and then will ask for the increase - Will place a letter to the Parish in with the tax information envelope, going over everything as well. - Finance Team held a Stewardship meeting around the Parish Stewardship, which is where the plan came from. Notes from that meeting were handed out. The letter was reviewed by the council and approved with minor changes.

Mike Force Topic: Catholic Come Home	<p>Good response to and feedback from those that have seen this. Little response from people directly. Father Paul has added longer hours for confession and he has been in the confessional even longer than that for weeks. The response to this ad cycle could be delayed and we may see more around the Easter timeframe. Doug Stepanek asked if anyone has verified that the website works for directing people to local parishes. Doug has agreed to verify that the website routes people appropriately.</p> <p>Note: Doug did go out and checked the website. He noted that the process was a little confusing and the site did not have St. Benedict in it at all.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	
Mike Force Topic: Council Position Vacancy	<p>Ron Stark has resigned from St Benedict Pastoral Council position. Jeannie Berens has agreed to take Ron's place for the rest of Ron's commitment. Thank you Jeannie!</p>
Mike Force Topic: New Leadership for Building Committee	<p>(Lengthy discussion around this subject.)</p> <p>Discussed that the Deacon is looking for a new person to take it over. No one has stepped forward yet. This person does not have to be an Architect; just needs to have project management experience and can give clear goals.</p> <p>Discussed some of the failures of the initial start of the building committee. Need to move forward with clearer goals and with proper management of the teams that will need to be involved. Also discussed some options around the building make up. This is still in its infancy and will to be taken on by someone. Next step is to get someone to take on the lead role. Everyone is to bring this up with someone that they feel might be able to take on such a project.</p> <p>Some discussion around funding the building (i.e. capital campaign, donations, other ideas). Nothing formal, but general discussion on how they might be implemented.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	
Mike Force Topic:	<p>None</p>
Director's Report	
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Directors Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marriage retreat was successful (6 couples). Deacon will offer it again in the near future. Feedback was very good. - RCIA has no one this year. - The reporter from the Catholic Herald talked with people from the parish about the Matthew 25 Project. Got the information that he needed. Look forward to seeing the report in the Catholic Herald.
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Closing Prayer	<p>Deacon led the council in closing prayer</p>
Adjournment:	<p>Meeting ended at 9:05 pm Next Meeting Location: Parish House Date: February 9, 2010 Time: 7:00pm (1900) MST</p>