



St. Benedict Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 09, 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

Doug Stepanek

Mike Force

Jeff Klimek

Mary Preston

JD Ross

Fred Murillo

Joe Gustofson

Doug Burrer (Finance committee)

Topic	Discussion
Opening Prayer	Deacon Lynn Sherman opened with The St. Benedict prayer.
Motion to excuse missing council members	Doug Stepanek was missing and was voted as excused. Motion approved
Review and Approval of Minutes from last meeting	Reviewed Minutes of Jan 12, 2009. Motion to approve by Mary Preston second by David Dalton Action: All present approved minutes after a few noted corrections were made.
Guests: Dan Paur	Dan came to the council meeting to hear more about the building committee and how it is progressing.
<u>Reports</u>	

Mike Force
Topic:
Review of written Reports

Facilities (Joe)

- Joe has not gotten a hold of Greg to complete the hand off.

Health (JD)

- Dianna has not been able to come up with a replacement as head of ministry. JD will do an appeal before Mass and maybe in the bulletin as well. This person does not have to be in the medical field, but it would be nice. Some options were discussed.

Security (JD)

- JD passed out a example of a Safety and Security survey he would like to have the parishioners fill out. Asked everyone to email him back if they had concerns. Once parishioners filled them out, he would collect them and graph out were the concerns are within the parish. Things like tornado plans etc.

Knights of Columbus (Mike)

- Partnering with the OLB for the Fish Fry.
- Talk to the Deacon about having alcohol. So long as it follows the bylaws it should be fine.
- The Stations on the property have been marked and the Knights have 4x4 posts to put in when the ground softens up.

Liturgical (Mary)

- Mass is planned for Ash Wednesday. Father Paul will be the presider.
- They gym is in use. We might be able to use the Cafeteria. Waiting to hear from the district.
- We have the new Baptismal Fount. Mary arranged to get a movable base for it. Need help for the baptism this month. It will be kept in the Shed.
- Keys for the storeroom in the gym are being arranged.
- All EMHC's must be re-mandated again in June. Train sessions to be given by Ron Stark. Dates to come.

Religious Education (Mary)

- No report

Women's Group (Jeannie)

- Going to the San Lois Valley walking Stations. Already had 8 people signed up, need a min. of 48 people to cover the bus and 56 is a full bus. Anyone can join. The trip is on March 13, 2010.

Outreach (Dalton)

- The baby shower did not go well. Only 3 people showed up (total of 24 jars of baby food gathered). Timing may be the cause. Right after Christmas may be the issues. Looking to do it in early to late October next year.
- Turned in 52 pair of pajamas for the orphans in Colorado.
- Looking for other things to do. Looking toward Easter. May not do them for financial reasons. Looking to finance report for more details

Respect for Life (Dalton)

- Nichole, the ministry head, is out, due to having a baby. What great Respect For Life example!

<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"> - Received \$1986.00 back from the diocese for last year's Bishops appeal. - The next Bishops appeal starts in March. - The last month's income, after the appeal, \$8.86 per week has helped. - We started paying the Methodology. - Contracts for the parish house and school rent will be stable. The parish house rent is frozen and will remain that way so long as the parish rents the house. More was discussed around this. - Discussed the Parish Welcoming Committee notes from the Finance Council Minutes. Cost for the basket completed, was \$17.00 per basket with bread/wine and all the work to make the look nice. We would average 6-12 per quarter. We would need to do a couple of catch months. Finance committee approved as well. (All council members approved this action moving forward) - Discussed Visiting Priest costs and the possibility of a contract priest. Discussed how we could possibly finance this option. If we go down this path and the Diocese agrees, we would need to account for around \$8500 a month for costs. - Went over the monthly budgetary items.
<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>	
<p>Mike Force Topic: Close out of the Matthew 25 project</p>	<p>3 remaining families. Consider this closed. Those families needed the money for personal use, which was part of the original plan, which was if they needed it for person use then that was good as well.</p>
<p>Mike Force Topic: Catholic Come Home Campaign</p>	<p>Had a deanery meeting. St. Benedict is not the only parish that did not get much response. People seemed to just go to certain parishes. People just came back. Attendance has increased is the primary response.</p>
<p>Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Plaque for Ron Stark</p>	<p>Deacon Lynn has moved forward on this.</p>
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	
<p>Mike Force Topic: Rocky Mountain Men's Conf.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rocky Mountain Men's Conference. March 20, 2010. Talk it up and let's get men there. The venue will be moved from Holy Apostles to the Pikes Peak Center to accommodate the increase expected. It has grown each year.
<p>JD Ross Topic: Portable PA System donation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JD Ross wanted to donate a portable PA system. Wanted to know if the parish wanted it. The council agreed that it would useful.
<p>Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Registered Sex Offenders list</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registered Sex Offenders in our area. There is a website that has the information and JD will try to get a link on the parish website.
<p>Jeannie Berens Topic: Credit Card payment for monthly giving</p>	<p>This can be done though Holy Apostles at this time. Jeannie thought that there might be a group, a percent, of the families that might participate. This is something that should be put back in the bulletin. Deacon will make sure that this is put back in the bulletin.</p>

Mike Force Topic: Formation of a St. Benedict Building Steering Committee	Jeff Klimek will be stepping up to chair this over riding steering committee. This will be high level. Under this will be the building committee and other committees that are needed to put a building on the property. This should help to speed up us moving on this. A lengthy discussion around this subject happened.
David Dalton Topic: New cycle for new council members	Three people will be leaving the council in June. We need to begin thinking about starting that process again. Last year it took until Aug to get all of the people on board. To avoid a delayed start again, we need to be sure to start in march time frame to get the new council members.
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Out lined the Station setup on the property	Deacon outlined how the Knight of Columbus would like to setup the walking stations of the cross.
<u>Director's Report</u>	
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Directors Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find the web site Manhattan Declaration. Find it and review it. They need everyone to go on the web site and sign it. It outlines the beliefs around our belief in life, marriage, freedom of religion and freed of conscience. Please go out, review and sign it, online if you agree. - Share this with other parishioners as well.
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Closing Prayer	Deacon led the council in closing prayer
Adjournment:	Meeting ended at 9:07 pm Next Meeting Location: Parish House Date: March 9, 2010 Time: 7:00pm (1900) MST