

St Benedict Parish Council Meeting Minutes



Date: April 13, 2010

Time: 1910-2040 MST

Parish Director: Deacon Sherman

Chairperson: Mike Force

Vice-Chair: Fred Murillo

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	J. D Ross was absent and was voted as excused. Motion approved
Review and Approval of Minutes from last meeting	Reviewed Minutes of April 13, 2010. All present approved minutes after a few noted changes were made.
Guests:	No Guests were present for this meeting
<u>Reports</u>	

Mike Force
Topic:
Review of written Reports

- Facilities (Joe)
- Nothing new to report from facilities
- Health (JD)
- No report from Health Ministry
- Security (JD)
- No report
- Knights of Columbus (Jeff)
- A pancake breakfast is being planned for the 23rd of May at the Pikes Peak Community College
 - As of this date, there is no insurance for serving alcohol.
- Liturgical (Mary)
- Easter Services Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday went off without a hitch. My thanks go out to all the work Deacon Lynn Sherman, Father Larry Brennen, and everyone else did to make this a truly Holy and memorial Easter season. We look forward now to First Holy Communion and Confirmation in May.
 - Just under 200 people attended the Memorial for Debra James, daughter of Ron and Beverly Stark at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church. Deacon Sherman officiated the service and coffee, cookies and cupcakes were served. Thanks to all who supported the family.
- Religious Education (Mary)
- The latest news as it relates to religious education is that the Bishop has told all of the parishes in the dioceses that he wants the children to be Confirmed by the time that they reach high school. That means we will be preparing students in 8th grade for Confirmation next year. It will be a transition year so we will accommodate those students past 8th grade who have not yet received the sacrament. They will join the 8th grade students in the Confirmation class.
 - The Bishop's Charter Members have been notified that although there should be 2 adults in each classroom during religious education, we are not to cancel classes if one adult is unable to attend because of illness or some other emergency. At those times, one adult will be sufficient but this is to be considered as a temporary measure.
 - Please remind the members of the Pastoral Council that if any teacher in the religious education program needs someone from the Pastoral Council to assist as an aide, it is a prior agreement by the Council that they will gladly assist given some notice. The coordinators of the program requested assistance several times this past year because of illness and death affecting some of the teachers and they received no response. Our parish is small so we have a limited number of parents who are not teaching who can help when necessary. All we ask is one hour of someone's time
 - Women's Group (Jeannie)
 - No Report
- Outreach (Dalton)
- 29 Easter baskets were handed out. Thanks to everyone who helped. A bulletin was put in each basket.
- Respect for Life (Dalton)
- No Report

Doug Burrer Topic: Parish Finance Report	Doug reviewed the finance report. See April 9 th 2010 Finance report for details.
OLD BUSINESS	
Mike Force Topic: Council members rotating off	Council Members, David Dalton, Fred Murillo and Jeannie Berens (sitting in for Ron Stark for the remainder of his term) will be leaving the Parish Council in June. Deacon Sherman encouraged the remaining members to ask parishioners if anyone would like to volunteer their time to serve on the Pastoral Council. Selection to be made in May, to serve starting in July.
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Plaque for Ron Stark	The recognition plaque for Ron Stark's service on the Pastoral Council is being made and will be awarded in the coming weeks.
NEW BUSINESS	
Mike Force Topic: Parish Council meeting date change	- The Parish Council has changed the date of the next meeting which would normally be held on the 8 th of June to the 1 st of June.
Mike Force Topic: Parish Fish Fry	- No new reports on the fish fry
Topic: Credit Card payment for monthly tithing	- This can be done though Holy Apostles at this time. Information and sign up can be Found in the bulletin under Automatic Offertory.
Jeff Klimek Topic: Formation of a St. Benedict Building Steering Committee	- A meeting was held with Janet Balentine Director of Facilities and Projects of the Dioceses for the process that we will go through to build a worship space on our land on Judge Orr Road. - The building committee went through boxes of all the previous building committee plans that Greg Tencer had collected. Jeff suggested that a plaque for Greg's services be awarded for his work he accomplished while he was head of Facilities.
Director's Report	
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Directors Report	- We are trying to move forward in our parish. Deacon asked that we make St Benedicts our priority in their families budget. After the necessary bills are paid, and before the unnecessary things. This is our parish it needs to be a priority in our life. He asked the leadership in the parish to verbalize this to others, share the importance of this to others. It needs to be a priority every Sunday 12 months a year. We need to encourage each others house holds; it needs to be a commitment and it has to be intentional.
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Closing Prayer	Deacon led the council in closing prayer and a blessing.
Adjournment:	Meeting ended at 8:40 pm Next Meeting Location: Parish House Date: May 13, 2010 Time: 7:00pm (1900) MST

