



St. Benedict Pastoral Council Meeting

Date: May 09, 2010

Time: 1900-2100 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 prayer. Started at 7:07 pm.
Motion to excuse missing council members	Doug Burrer, JD Ross and Jeff Klimek were not present. They called in advanced and their absence was voted as excused. Motion approved
Review and Approval of Minutes from last meeting	Reviewed Minutes of April 12, 2009. Motion to approve by David Dalton second by Joe Gustofson Action: All present approved minutes.
Guests:	No guests were present
<u>Reports</u>	

Mike Force
Topic:
Review of written Reports

- Facilities (Joe)
- Joe will be repairing the sign by the front of the parish house.
- Health (JD)
- Still vacant.
- Security (JD)
- JD not present.
- Knights of Columbus (Jeff)
- Mike not present.
 - 8 K of C are receiving their 4th degree
- Liturgical (Mary)
- First Communion and Confirmation went well.
- Religious Education (Mary)
- All teachers will be returning next year
 - Vacation Bible School this summer Jun 28 –July 2 or July 19-23
 - o 2 Adults have volunteered and more are needed.
 - o Budget for this year's VBS was approved in last year's budget
 - 12 students received first communion
 - 12 Confirmation students this year
- Women's Group (Jeannie)
- The trip to San Louis is still being planned. Looking to invite other parishes as well.
 - Summer functions for this summer in the planning
 - Planning elections of new officers
 - Were planning on doing the Confirmation reception.
 - Challenging the K of C to breakfast.
- Outreach (Dalton)
- Provided food for two families in need.
- Respect for Life (Dalton)
- Nothing this month

<p>Doug Burrer Topic: Parish Finance Report</p>	<p>Deacon 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"> - Minutes from the Finance Meeting were reviewed. - The budget notes were not approved per Deacon Lynn. The budget plan was for 2% increase and with the current offertory this does not seem to be something that will be accurate. There was a discussion around some of the items that were removed or reduced (see finance meeting notes for details). Approval to come in the June meeting after more deliberation. - Current budget forecast is a deficit budge of \$26,148.00. - There is slow but concerning reduction of the Parish Checking account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use Matthew 25 moneys (original seed money) and put it back into the checking account. ● Take the interest from the CD's as they mature and add that to the checking instead of rolling over. This is favored one, but will only add a few hundred to the checking. ● Early withdrawal from a CD. - Discussion held around ways to help the budget. - Joe G. suggested that the Parish Council should send back a note that we feel that although we agree with the budget that we feel the funds from the Matthew 25 should first be used as it would be the most efficient for the parish. The Council Chairman will respond to the Finance Committee with our concerns and recommendations. - Deacon discussed that after his request to increase weekly offertory did not have any affect at all. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Discussed the fact that the parish did not have a Time, Talent, and Treasure Sunday since we were doing the Matthew 25 project at that time. This seems to have had a negative effect on offertory. The Deacon is going to call each parishioner family and discuss this with them all directly about the financial predicament and ask them what we (the Parish) can do for them. - Deacon went over his discussion with the Bishop Sheridan. - Deacon asked that everyone on the council take the Stewardship Assessment Guide by June meeting. - Long discussion around the offertory enhancement.
<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>	
<p>Mike Force Topic: Development Steering Council (DSC) meeting update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting notes handed out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Met with Ms. Balentine (Diocesan Development) from Diocesan office. o It was huge question answer session and was very informational and everyone learned a lot about the process. o She gave the them resources to talk to as well o She talked about financing options o Short discussion held based on notes from the meeting.
<p>Deacon Lynn Topic: New parish council members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still looking for people to put in for replacing council members as none have come into the Deacon. Several names were given to the Deacon to follow up on that are on the fence.
<p>Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Plaque for Ron Stark & Greg Tencer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deacon is meeting with the company doing the plaque (Creative Awards) for Ron on May 12. Should have something by next meeting. -
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	

Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Parish Stewardship Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All council members should take/review the Parish Stewardship assessment Guide before next meeting in June.
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: 5 year plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Bishop sent out an email about the 5 year plan of the Diocese. The Bishop asked that each parish send their 5 year plan to Father Paul by September. Need to setup Goals and tracking of those goals to completion. - This is something that the Parish Council needs to revisit and to create/update the five year goal. - David Dalton also asked everyone to think of a way to report to the Parish on our current 5 year plan.
Jeannie Berens Topic: New Parishioner Baskets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Names of the new families were given to Dianne Newbill. She will arrange for dates. There are 35 families to be arranged.
<u>Director's Report</u>	
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Directors Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Directors report this month
Deacon Lynn Sherman Topic: Closing Prayer	Deacon led the council in closing prayer
Adjournment:	Meeting ended at 9:17 pm Next Meeting Location: Parish House Date: June 1, 2010 (1 week earlier than normal) Time: 7:00pm (1900) MST