

St. Benedict Parish Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 20, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, Dougherty Hall

Present: Dawn Burdick, Ann Marie Deutsch, Bill DiBacco, Tony DiPrima, Caryl Favro, Fr. Stan, Deacon Claude, Nancy Lynch, Donna Mathis, Jean Mercandetti, Chris Neubecker, Norah Nolan-Cramer, Fr. Daniel, Natalie Ruppel, Melanie Soberon, Andrew Uttaro, Andy Yudichak

Absent: Brian Carl, Chris Decker, Paula Foster, Valerie Haynes

Nancy Lynch opened the meeting with a prayer and question of the week followed by sharing.

Open Forum:

Fr. Kevin Murphy was present. However, no parishioner was present to share any comments or concerns.

A brief update from the Liturgy Committee regarding their progress toward their goals was presented from Joe Clement, a member of the committee. He mentioned that the Common Missal was purchased for our parish.

A brief update was provided from the hospitality committee by Maureen Gallagher. She highlighted the activity of the committee which includes greeting people at Mass, welcome to new parishioners, letters to those who have received a Sacrament recently, name tag Sunday's, offering hospitality for RCIA lunch, G.I.F.T. initiative and All Souls. Continue to need additional greeters to join this ministry.

Executive session:

Annual Parish Corporation Meeting: With trustees present, Anthony DiPrima (Finance Director) did an overview of the June 2015 Balance Sheet and concluded that we ended in a favorable position. He then presented the income statement and approved balanced budget for 2016-17 and addressed and questions and concerns. A question was asked about the installation of the ANSEL system required for the continuation of the fish fry which was not held last year. The excessive cost of the system was presented and the question of whether it made sense to spend so much money when the participation rate was not that high. The fish fry is the only event that would benefit from this expenditure.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the August meeting were unanimously accepted and approved without changes.

No modifications or changes were made to the meeting's agenda.

Pastor's Comments

- 1) Father thanked all those staff and volunteers who made the first parish G.I.F.T. session such a great success. He noted that many people cooperated to be able to provide those who attended with a wonderful experience of liturgy, meal, and age appropriate catechesis. Many people deeply appreciated the experience and have conveyed this to him. He wanted to be sure that this was passed along to all those who made this possible.

- 2) Fr. Stan reported that the Capital Campaign pledges are over double our goal of \$600,000. He is overwhelmed by the generosity of the parish.
- 3) Father Stan reported that he will be speaking about and encouraging support for the Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal at all Masses on the second weekend of October. He has not yet received the parish goal.
- 4) Fr. Stan mentioned that on behalf of the Knights of Columbus he has invited Bishop Matano to come celebrate a Sunday Mass in St. Benedict's parish. Bishop Matano has accepted the invitation and will be celebrating the 11:30 Mass on October 30 at St. Mary's. Fr. Stan explained that this mass was selected because it will fit the number of parishioners who may wish to attend and it will not create a problem for time or parking because it is the last Mass of Sunday. Fr. Murphy did point out that he thought that was his Mass. So Fr. Stan said he would make an adjustment to the schedule.

Old Business:

- Family Promise Update: Bill DiBacco said that the family promise project continues to move forward in its preparations and in reaching out to congregations for support of this project. He said their next meeting would be tomorrow night. At least 4 other churches have agreed to be host churches.
- Parish Council Constitution: Norah went through the various changes that were recommended to the PCC. They had been highlighted in the copy that was sent out to the PC before the meeting. The reasons for the changes and the possible changes were discussed. The official vote on the amended constitution will take place next month.
- Rectory Open House: Monday, December 12 was selected as the date for this event. It will take place in the rectory and begin at 7 PM. Fr. Daniel offered regret that he would likely not be able to attend because it is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. He will be with the community in Lyons who will be celebrating Mass that evening.

Current Business:

- 1.) Parish Council planning Calendar: A planning calendar was passed out by Jean listing the important tasks that need to be considered and accomplished throughout the parish council year.
- 2.) Review of Parish Council Goal: Jean pointed out to the committee that this is something we should be doing so throughout the year Jean will add this to the agenda for our reflection and for feedback from the members as to whether or not we are being effective or if members have and feedback or concerns.

Committee Reports

In addition to the Committee reports that were already submitted electronically prior to the parish council meeting, Dawn mentioned that the G.I.F.T. Meeting would take place tomorrow. Andrew reported that there were 8 members in his junior high group and 12 in his senior high group and that he is now preparing for the November retreat. He also mentioned his gratitude to those catechists for the youth in the G.I.F.T. initiative.

Questions on Committee Reports

No questions.

Closing Prayer – Chris Decker scheduled In his absence Jean led a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Stan