

**St. Benedict Parish Council Meeting Agenda
June 20th, 2016 @ 7:00 PM, Dougherty Hall**

Present: Fr. Stan, Fr. Daniel, Brian Carl, Chris Decker, Ann Marie Deutsch, Bill DiBacco, , Tony DiPrima , Caryl Favro, Paula Foster, Robert Knopf, Deacon Claude Lester, Donna Mathis, Jean Mercandetti, Chris Neubecker, Norah Nolan-Cramer, Melanie Soberon, Kathy Valvano, Andy Yudichak

Absent: Dawn Burdick, Rob Dietrick, Bridget Hart, Valerie Haynes, Megan Knopf, Nancy Lynch

Bill DiBacco opened the meeting with a prayer and question of the week.
The minutes for the May 2016 meeting minutes were approved without adjustment.

Pastor's Comments

- 1) Father announced the changes to the daily mass schedule. Starting on July 1st, there will only be two masses said on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday instead of three. The service times will remain the same, but one of the three services each day will be a communion service instead of a mass. The communion services will be on Monday at 6:45 AM and Wednesday 9:00AM at St Mary's and on Friday at St. Bridget's at 8:00AM.
- 2) The Capital Campaign has begun, Father will be preaching at all the masses, and will be asking everyone to come to the receptions to find out more detail. Our goal is \$600K. If the campaign exceeds the goal, the money can be used for more projects. The project list has been prioritized based with Diocese input primarily around safety issues.
- 3) Father Daniel will be on vacation in Columbia for 3 weeks, and then Father Stan will have vacation later in the summer.

Current Business

- Jean provided an update on the auction dinner. It was very successful and everyone had a great time. The family sent a thank you card which was circulated around.

Committee Reports

Committee reports are now submitted electronically prior to the parish council meeting. Members are expected to read the minutes before the council meeting and then if they have any questions they can pose them at the meeting. The committee reports have been compiled into meeting minutes at the end of the report (appendix)

Questions on Committee Reports

No questions.

New Business:

- 1) Deacon Claude presented information about the social ministry committee's recent investigations into working with an outside agency in the area of the homeless in Ontario County. He and others from the committee attended a gathering of outside organizations that are trying to launch a new program for the homeless called "Family

Promise of Ontario County”. Deacon gave a brief synopsis of the meeting and passed out a handout from the meeting (see attachment). He highlighted specifically pages 10-14 of the handout. Deacon Claude said the program has been running successfully in Monroe County for several years. Homeless families are allowed to stay overnight at one location, and then spend their days at school, work, or at a Day Center provided by “Family Promise”. Families are fed dinner and breakfast, provided sleeping arrangements, some transportation, and showers. The program only has a maximum of 14 people in the program at any one time, and people are vetting before entering. In Monroe county the average stay in the program is 43 days with 90% of families still living independently 1 year after leaving the program. For a more detail discussion of the program see the attachment. The social ministry committee was proposing that the parish should consider assisting in three areas.

- a. Provide a day center where families can stay during the day. This would be a yearlong commitment, with the center used 365 days of the year from 8AM to 5PM. The committee was suggesting we might be able to use the Yellow House.
 - b. Sign up to be a Host Congregation which means the parish would provide an overnight facility for sleeping accommodations. This would be for only 4 weeks out of the year. The committee thought St. Bridget’s hall could be used.
 - c. Support from members of the congregation to provide other services needed to run various aspects of the program.
- 2) Family Promise Motion - After much discussion on the topic, the parish council provided guidelines to the social ministry group on what are Family Promise activities the parish is willing to support at this time
- a. Day Center – not at this time.
 - b. Host congregation – this is possible, but requires more investigation.
 - c. Support congregation - yes
- 3) Laudte Si –
- a. The parish is looking at ways to reduce or remove the use of Styrofoam. A handout was provided (see attachment) with the committee efforts.
 - b. There will be further discussion in august with the GIFT committee
- 4) Tony DiPrima reviewed the annual budget (see attachment). At a high level we continue to have a balanced budget even with the additional one full time employee added this year and the decision to make the faith formation program free.
- 5) Election of new positions – The committee held a vote and the following members have agreed to accept the following positions for the 2016-2017 year.
- a. Chair – Jean Mercandetti
 - b. Vice Chari – Bill Dibacco
 - c. Secretary – Brian Carl
- 6) Meeting Schedule – a motion was made to move the meeting to Tuesday night on 3rd of the month. Fr. Stan will provide a new list. The first meeting would be August 16th at St Bridgets at 7pm.

Closing Prayer – Chris Decker

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Knopf
Secretary

Appendix
Parish Council Committees Reports
Submitted prior to June 2016 Council Meeting

1) Liturgy – Dawn

- We will be celebrating the Feast of St Benedict at our liturgies on the weekend of July 9 & 10. We will not have a separate celebration on the Feast day itself.
- Liturgy Committee is investigating ways that they can incorporate the monthly GIFT theme both into the environment and our liturgies.
- Daily Mass changes

2) Youth Ministry – Dawn

The Youth Ministry program has officially turned over to Andrew Uttaro. He is busy learning the ropes, planning the Summer Service Camp and the Curriculum for the upcoming year.

3) Faith Formation – Deacon Claude – (No Report)

4) Social Ministry – Deacon Claude – (No Report)

5) Finance – Mike – (No Report)

6) Parish Life – Valerie – (No Report)

7) Tithing – Norah

The Tithing Committee met on June 1st and sent donations on behalf of St. Benedict's to Camp Stella Maris Camp Scholarships, Greater Canandaigua YMCA Camp Scholarships, Gleaners, Light Hill, Naples Hospice, House of Hope, St. Vincent's, CCIA Food Pantry, Kalama Scholarships and Emergency Assistance Requests c/o St. Benedict's PAC, Diocese of Rochester Migrant Ministries. The committee also had a meeting with the parish Financial Director to clarify various procedures to streamline the process for requests.

8) Project Management – Jean (No Report)

9) SMS Advisory – Ann Marie

School Advisory met on June 1, 2016

Review of parent-student policies for 2016-17 will be finalized on June 22

Looking at a local Rochester vendor for current school uniforms

Introduced the GIFT initiative

PTO fund-raisers were successful and met the annual goal

Investigating grants for healthy kids and technology

Continue to evaluate marketing strategies through the summer

10) Cemetery – Fr. Stan – (No Report)

11) Hospitality – Kathy

We will have our next Name Tag Sunday on the weekend our parish celebrates the feast of St Benedict. (July 10th) We can always use help at the doors!

We are also participating in the Ministry Fair and will be sharing information about our ministry on June 26 th.

We will all do whatever we can to support GIFT.

12) Executive – Chris – (No Report)

13) Whole Community Catechesis – Dawn

- Prospero Communications is in the midst of creating a professional video that will be used as the second phase of the launch. We are eternally grateful to Scott and Suzette Norris for putting their time into this effort
- Curriculum has been laid out for each of the age groups for the entirety of the year.
- We are in the midst of recruiting catechists and planning formation opportunities
- The GIFT staff has run through an entire session, identifying areas that need to be addressed and each area is working on their portion
- The Living Faith Committee is working on ways to support this effort, including on additional outreach to the homebound and those in nursing homes
- We continue to meet weekly as a GIFT staff. The next major task is to produce a summer mailing for each of our households inviting them to be part of GIFT