

**St. Benedict Parish Council Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, June 20, 2017 @ 6:00 PM, St. Bridget's**

**Present:** Donna Mathis, Andy Yudichak, Chris Decker, Melanie Soberon, Bill DiBacco, Norah Nolan-Cramer, Father Stan, Dawn Burdick, Jean Mercendetti, Andrew Uttaro, Deacon Claude, Brian Carl, Ann Marie Deutsch, Chris Neubecker, Paula Foster, Tony DiPrima, Nick Bober, Natalie Ruppel, Father Daniel, Nancy Lynch, Laura Barone, Bob Cownie, Brent Hall, Caryl Favro

**Absent:** Sara Bodine

Jean Mercendetti introduced the new parish council members: Brent Hall, Bob Cownie, Laura Barone, Sara Bodine.

Brian Carl opened the meeting with a prayer and question of the week followed by sharing.

**Open Forum:**

- No committee presentations.

**Executive session:**

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the May 2017 meeting were unanimously accepted and approved without changes.

Agenda as presented by Jean was accepted without changes. Bill wanted to add a discussion about nametags to the agenda.

**Old Business:**

- CMA update – Goal achieved in the last week. Not everything has been paid yet, so a small sum will need to be paid with a check to the diocese. This money that then gets paid to St. Benedict's will go towards goal for next year.
- What PC can do to help foster a smooth pastoral transition (continued discussion from May meeting). Short discussion was held with some ideas shared. One in particular was for the committee chairs to introduce themselves to Father Costik and make him aware of the committee and its responsibilities.

**Pastor's Comments**

- Three people interviewed for Valerie Haynes Parish Life Coordinator position.
- Additional responsibilities added to Amy Corron's responsibility. This was announced in the bulletin this week.
- Father Clifford will return on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Father Costik will start on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Work will continue to be done on both parishes over the summer.

**Current Business:**

- Budget presentation was led by Tony. A 2016-2017 balance sheet through May was handed out for review and discussion. A YTD 2016-2017 Income statement was shared for review and discussion. Some highlights: collections down \$21,000 mostly due to the shortfall in Sunday collections, gifts and donations is up \$22,800. Forecast is looking like we will have a net deficit of \$22,900 for the year. Budget is balanced for 2017-2018. Encouraging people to pay for the Catholic Courier would help offset some losses. Cost for the Courier exceeds the income taken in by about \$24,000.
- Work in progress for capital campaign:
  - St. Bridget's: Railing in front of church will be replaced in late July/early August. Will be galvanized iron.
  - New roof on carriage house.
  - Quoting underway to fix eaves of the church.
  - Paint the outside of the church prior to Fall.
  - A few quotes received for work on the stained glass windows (\$10-\$15,000 per window)
  - St. Mary's. In the next 4-5 months the following will be completed: Statue will be fixed in front of PAC, stairs to be fixed. Pads to be put in place for dumpsters to sit on. Valleys on roof just got fixed. Windows in PAC upgraded to make more weather proof. New gutters on PAC. PAC painted. new carpeting in the school.
- Assessing PC effectiveness: results of survey – Jean reviewed the results. Most responses were in the strongly agree (1) or Agree (2). Question on attendance was rated the lowest (3). For the most part people agree we are being effective.
  - Changes/Suggestions: No training given to new parish council members. Suggestion that new chairperson put something together to review with new members prior to the August meeting.
  - Several said they would like to hear more from members.
  - Several mentioned revisiting the goal setting amongst each committee.
- Dinner for the Chess family who were the highest bidder at the auction: July 8<sup>th</sup>. Parish council will put on the dinner at their house. Jean is looking for council members to help with the work in the kitchen that evening.
- Meeting schedule for 2017-18 (keep as 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7PM). Discussion held and dates agreed to as follows:

August 15	February 20
September 19	March 20
October 17	April 17
November 14	May 15
December 12	June 19
January 16	

- Officer selection: serve for one year
  - Chairperson: must have served one year on Council at any time prior to being selected as chairperson. Melanie Soberon was selected.

- Vice-chairperson and secretary: can be anyone from the Council, regardless of years of service. Brent Hall – Vice Chairperson, Bill DiBacco – Secretary were chosen.
- Name plate discussion – Bill is proposing that people wear name tags in addition to the name plates at each meeting. Also proposing people wear the name tags at any parish event (This would be optional). All parish council members were provided with name tags to be worn.

### **Committee Reports**

Jean had provided an update on the committee reports to the PC ahead of the meeting. There were no questions/comments/discussion.

**Closing Prayer** – Jean offered the closing prayer.

Next meeting is Tuesday August 15 at 7 PM at St. Bridget's Hall

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Carl