

St. Benedict Parish Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 21, 2017 @ 7:00 PM, Dougherty Hall

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

Absent: Father Daniel, Nancy Lynch

Norah Nolan-Cramer opened the meeting with a prayer and question of the week followed by sharing.

Open Forum:

Short presentations from Social Ministry (Cecilia Colosi, Mary Ellen Gysel, Tula Warchol and Angie Salerno) – 4 main focus areas: Advocacy, Direct Services and Outreach, Solidarity and Community Organizing/Collaboration. Involved in various activities such as public policy petition, respect life, food cupboards, Christmas Outreach.

A brief history of Migrant Ministry was presented. Migrant Ministry works under the umbrella of Social Ministry.

Tithing (originally scheduled for February Parish Life Presentation) – Parish tithes income. Committee prays to help decide how to allocate the funds. Local needs get prioritized.

Executive session:

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

Agenda as presented by Jean was accepted without changes.

Old Business:

- Family Promise: With a majority of the council voting to support the proposal to be a host parish, those not in favor were asked if they would support the program if St. Mary's decides to become a host family. All agreed they would support the idea even though they voted against being a host parish.

Pastor's Comments

- CMA at 99.5% of goal. (~\$149,000). \$7,000 is not yet paid and needs to be paid by May 30th.
- Capital Campaign total pledges \$1,633,202. Far exceeded goal of \$600,000. Paid to date \$743,063. \$890,138 outstanding balance. Bathroom in back of St Mary's, currently being fixed and will be completed soon. Roof at St Bridget's rectory was completed. Railing

going up handicap ramp will be completed in the spring. Ramp does not meet ADA code and will need to be widened at the bottom.

- Two new staff members, Ed Rex new part time maintenance at St Bridget's. Amy Carrone is the new admin assistant primarily working on the bulletin.
- Staff met to put together job description to fill Parish Life Coordinator to replace Valerie.
- Convocation on April 24-26. After morning mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will have communion services only until father Daniel returns on Thursday.
- Father Stan petitioned the bishop to resign as pastor of St. Benedict's Parish due to health concerns. Bishop Matano has accepted and will begin a search for a replacement. Father Stan will remain pastor until a replacement is announced.

Current Business:

Budget presentation: Tony DiPrima (originally scheduled for Feb): year to date performance review of the budget. Balance sheet was provided for review. Income statement was provided for review.

- Nominating Committee (originally scheduled for Feb) – Bill to write bulletin article to solicit nominations for parish council. Brian and Caryl join Bill to form the nominating committee to assist with this effort.
- Assessing Parish Council's effectiveness. Jean has created a survey and asked that all committee members please complete and return by April 10th.
- The April meeting will be cancelled. Next meeting is May 16th at St. Bridget's.

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 – Melanie Soberon offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Carl