

St. Boniface Catholic Church

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Parish Pastoral Council – Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 18, 2023

Those in Attendance:

Fr. Martino, Pastor
Robin Smith, President
Louisa Fisher, Vice President
Doyle, Susan Secretary
David Avard
Nelly Camacho
Mary Jane Heyman
Ron Proveaux
Barbara Rafferty, Ex-Officio, Finance Committee

Those absent:

Rick Rafter, Ex-, Deacon

Meeting opened at 7:02 – Meeting opened with a prayer from Fr. Martino and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Disposition of Minutes:

Minutes from June and August were approved. Mary Jane made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron seconded it.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) **Doors and Windows** – These have to be done for the weekends.
- 2) **Wooden Sign** – The church sign is going to be painted tomorrow (9/19) if the weather will cooperate.
- 3) **Sign for Houses** – Fr. will continue to remind parishioners about these at mass this Sunday now that CCD is back in session.

Reports:

Ministries Updates:

Prayer – Ron Proveaux – no report

Service – Mary Jane – Cindy said The Ave Maria store has all new stock coming in within two weeks. Good for Christmas presents, etc.

Formation – David Avard (absent) – no report

Parish Life – Nelly Camacho (absent) – no report

Committees:

Finance – We have started the new fiscal year, so we have started over again for our budget. Broadcast is supposed to come out in September - \$10,000 spending. The parish tax and insurance for the diocese will start coming out, and there will be an increase in offertory needs; this goes along with the Sunday visitor. Parishioners will start getting the letters from the Sunday Visitor.

Building – Gerry Klock – absent: no report

Discipleship – Connie Cordeira – absent: no report

New Business

1) **Parish Life** - Gerry Klock and Janice Howard were there at the beginning of the meeting to ask for help from Fr. and the Parish Council for the Oyster Roast in October. Fr. said he would promote it and that we should have people sign up to volunteer for certain things when they sign up to buy tickets for it.

2) **Floors** – David Avard has someone that he knows from work that could possibly do the floors. He will discuss it with him and get back to us.

Father Martino:

- 1) **Active Parishioners** - People are coming back to church following the pandemic. Fr. wants to keep trying to get people to come back. We still need to figure out ways to keep inviting people to come back to church. There was a suggestion to have a pink poster in the narthex in the back of the church so that people coming into church can see upcoming events.
- 2) **Commitment Sunday** – This is coming up in October. Parishioners will be encouraged to sign up for at least one ministry.
- 3) **Lent** - Fr. put an order in for 600 olive wood crosses for Lent.
- 4) **Book for Lent and Advent** – These are already ordered
- 5) **All Saints Day – November 1st** – Wednesday – This will actually been done on the Wednesday. Instead of giving 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize, every student will get a prize as a celebration for the saints and to promote them to go to Holy Day of Obligation - \$30, etc. But we will have the mass and the students in procession on Wednesday night.
- 6) **All Souls Day - November 5th** – Parishioners will be invited to go to Veteran’s Park to pray for All Souls
- 7) **Confirmation** - 29th of November
- 8) December 8th – **Immaculate Conception** noon mass and the 7:00 PM
- 9) **Christmas Schedule** – 24th is Sunday – the 4th Sunday of Advent – if they want to go to Christmas Mass there will be a vigil, midnight and the next morning.
- 10) **January 1st** also falls on Monday – The vigil will be on December 31st at 5:00 PM and Monday, January 1st is at 10:00 AM.
- 11) **Decorate the church** - Parishioners will decorate the church on December 22, 23, or 24.

Calendar of Events:

Closing Prayer . . . Hail Mary . . . said by all.

Meeting Closed at 8:02

Next Meeting October 21, 2023

Minutes Submitted by Susan Doyle