

St Boniface Parish Council Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

The St. Boniface Parish Pastoral Council meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. with Journey of Faith Prayer. Five council members answered roll call along with Fr. Bernard Starman: President Kelly Murphy, Vice President Tracy Ludwig, Secretary Kim Estes, Peggy Dvorak and newest member Jared Wolf. Also present was Director of Ministries Jan Kunz.

Minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting were approved as written with motion by Tracy and 2nd by Kelly.

Welcome was extended to new council member Jared Wolf along with a thank you for his “yes”.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- 1) Insurance Inspection Response to Recommendations: Rescheduled gathering held April 19 at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Several items had been completed prior. The motion sensor was affected by a blown circuit when new bulbs were inserted. Root Electric contacted. The fan electrical wiring needs checked. Fr. Starman reminded the council that funds are available for use when requested from our fees that are sent to Omaha and placed in a Savings and Loan.
- 2) Fr. Starman informed the council that a “Facility Manager” position is being created for each campus (parish/grounds) that would be responsible for checking things, e.g. bad weather impact, concerns with physical aspects of buildings/grounds, etc. Kelly voiced that a list for the school building with numbers of priority be initiated with the theme “Dream Big, Start Small”. Items suggested kitchen, meeting room, offices. Phase I proposal is to start with classrooms and windows.
- 3) Update on Lightning Insurance claim. John Madsen leading a committee to meet with Keyboard Castle for organ replacement options. One of major considerations is the very limited list of musician(s) who will be carrying on. There is a local individual that contact will be made to be on the list of pianists/organists. Midwest Sound still hasn’t been able to get speakers and some other components for the new system.
- 4) Grounds maintenance is being done by Dave Hytrek for mowing and Abby Barta for spraying. Season has arrived for sprinklers to be turned on. A back-up individual for Kelly is needed for the sprinklers with a card of instructions available to follow. Roofing bid needed. Parishioner concern was voiced about a leak by church front double-door entrance on west side and in basement.
- 5) Folding Chairs: There are still some folding chairs available for sale.
- 6) Archbishop Lucas loved his time here on March 26. There were 160 mass attendees with 80 at the supper that followed. Atkinson served 224 at the dinner with him on March 27.
- 7) St. Boniface School Rent: There is recommendation for a paragraph to be removed from the contract.
- 8) Live Lent Together: One St. Boniface group wants to have an Advent session, breaking for summer. Two Atkinson groups are continuing to meet monthly.
- 9) Pastoral Planning Our Sunday Visitor offertory income garnered a 64% response rate with higher than expected gain. Three new families were registered as well. New members can register online on the website. Tracy suggested putting our brochure on church website along with a notice that musicians are needed. The next Pastoral Planning group of 15 members is meeting Tues., May 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with location to be determined.

- 10) Some landscaping has been done with monies donated by the Larry and Irene Cobb family.
- 11) A new funeral pall and matching chasuble has been ordered with a new set of chasubles needed due to the age and condition of current ones. Due to lack of routine cleaning of these items, it was suggested that this now be done with the new robes and albs to keep them in good condition. Current ones will be kept for emergency usage.
- 12) In addition to the Facility Manager positions, an Evangelical Director of Catechesis has been hired: Jan Kunz. She will post Minutes of 2022 meetings on website soon and it will be a common practice for future minutes to be posted when approved.
- 13) With the departure of Fr. Sund to another assignment in July, the 3rd car in our “family” will be allocated for parish use: meeting attendance, etc to eliminate mileage reimbursement. There may be upcoming Town hall meetings with the new “family” alignment to keep parishioners abreast of information.
- 14) The Family of Parishes Pastoral Planning Team that has come about with the “family” atmosphere of our parishes will include 3 from each parish, meeting at least monthly until at least November when our family plan has been submitted and approved by the Archbishop.
- 15) It was suggested that Flock Note be reloaded as a means of quick communication for parishioners for upcoming events, mass cancellations due to weather, mass changes due to schedule conflicts, etc. Tracy offered to help with this.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tracy with second by Peggy. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Next regular meeting will be held July 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with a singular-purpose gathering on June 21, 2022 to make contact with parishioners and obtain their pledges of involvement to help our parish survive and thrive as St. Boniface.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Estes,
Secretary

With the parish realignment, Fr. Starman will be the contact person on everything parish-matter related. His e-mail address is bgstarman@archomaha.org. Minutes of meetings will be emailed to him for approval and then e-mailed to members.

JourneyofFaith.org is a website parishioners are welcome to visit.