

St. Boniface Parish Council Meeting Minutes

11-15-2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm on 11-15-2022 with the Journey of Faith Prayer.

Members Present: Kelly Murphy, Tracy Ludwig, Peggy Dvorak, Jeff Dvorak, Brian Murphy, Mary Ellen Scholz, Fr. Starman, Jan Kunz

Arrived at 7:20pm Kim Estes

Absent: Jarrod Wolf

Approval of 9-20-2022 Minutes – Motion by Jeff Dvorak, second by Brian Murphy to approve Minutes as written.

Additional Item Discussion:

1. **Financial Statement:** Council members asked if there is more of a breakdown of the financial statement that was placed in the bulletin. Specifically what falls under each category? This was answered by Fr. Starman and Jan Kunz, DOM – yes, this can be printed by Deb Kramer. Fr. Starman adds that all salaries fall under Administration costs.
2. **Finance Committee Meeting Schedule:** Council members asked about the frequency for Finance Committee meetings. Fr. Starman offered that they should be meeting at least quarterly, he is working to get that meeting scheduled.
3. **Religious Ed Funds:** Council members asked if there is money budgeted for Religious Education for parishioner materials like Advent books, Adult Ed Formation. Fr. Starman and Jan Kunz, DOM offer that historically these items haven't been budgeted for. The books offered as a gift from the Parishes during Christmas time are on the budget. Fr. Starman offers that part of the purpose of the Annual Giving is for the Archdiocese Support. If we don't get our \$\$ back in Services from the Archdiocese that is on us. It is our job to request services. Jan Kunz, DOM adds that she continues to post Formed.org in the bulletin as a free resource for all Parishioner's for religious education and formation purposes.

Ongoing Discussion

1. **Organ and Sound System Update:** Keyboard Castle contacted and shipping should happen in the next few days with the install during the first week of Advent. Fr. Starman is still waiting on an email response. Council Members asked if the new sound system would be able to accommodate hearing devices for parishioners that are Hard of Hearing. Fr. Starman is familiar with the devices from previous experience at St. Vincent's – Omaha and will ask this question tomorrow.
2. **Pastoral Planning Update :** The draft is due today, Fr. Starman offers that there is one section left that he is waiting on that doesn't apply to St. Boniface because it has to do with School Planning. He will send the draft off once he receives that section tonight. The steps once submitted will be for the Archbishop to accept, reject or ask for clarification. Fr. Starman feels confident in our plan since we were the original site to start the Planning Process in the Archdiocese in 2018.
3. **Parish Auction:** discussion continued on whether or not to bring the Parish Auction back. It was decided to move forward with an Auction Planning Committee. Each Parish Council member will invite 2 Parishioner's to the Auction Planning Meeting to be held Tuesday December 13th at 6:30 pm. Supper will be provided. The purpose of the meeting will be to determine if and when to move forward with the Auction, to perform a walk-through of the school to determine where funds are needed so we can advertise a specific goal for donations raised and to develop a plan to delegate duties through subcommittees. Fr. Starman adds that it is important to note that this money stays in the Parish and does not go to the Archdiocese. This is often a concern raised by Parishioner's around events like the Parish Auction.

4. Marriage Rocks: Jan Kunz, DOM reports that we had 20 participants at the event held in Stuart and 12 participants at the event in O'Neill. There was a lot of positive conversations and feedback that resulted from the events with requests for next dates from participants and those that weren't able to participate.
5. Behold Advent Program and Live Lent Together: Jan Kunz, DOM reports more positive news with the Behold Advent Program. There was a small donation request for the books for the new series, however if Parishioner's can still participate if they couldn't afford this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual Insurance Inspection: Fr. Starman hasn't had time to review this yet, he will forward it out after the meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Motion was made by Jeff Dvorak, seconded by Tracy Ludwig to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm.