

**ST. BONIFACE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. For Faith Formation, since September 21 is the Feast of St. Matthew, Father Joe spoke of how St Matthew had been a tax collector who was hated by the Jews. After St. Matthew decided to follow Jesus, he invited Jesus to a dinner at his home. The Scribes and Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with sinners. Jesus replied that those who are not ill do not need a physician and added that He desires mercy and not sacrifice and that He had come to call sinners. We can continue to spread God's word by the way we live our lives.

Roll call was taken. Members Present: Father Joe, Kathie Fahey, Mary Jeanne Feldkamp, Karen Gillespie, Ken Price, Ruthann Sammarco, Jessica Shepard, Henry Wessler, Rosemary Welz. Jenni Lindgren and Dr. Herb Lloyd were also present.

The minutes of the May 24 meeting were approved as published.

Dr. Herb Lloyd, a retired emergency room physician, addressed Council about a program he has been working on with 12 and 13-year-olds on the Northside Soccer Team regarding drugs and life style choices. Dr. Lloyd distributed an outline of his program which extends over 8 weeks. The team meets once a week after soccer practice. He plans to begin the program in late October or early November. He has spoken with Father Joe and Sister Miriam and they are agreeable to having the team meet in St. Boniface School. Transportation will be provided to and from the meetings. If the program is successful, Dr. Lloyd would be willing to do a fall and spring session. After a brief discussion, Council gave their full support to the program. Dr. Lloyd left the meeting at this point.

Father Joe and Council members reported on the following:

**Financial:**

- Jenni Lindgren distributed a financial report for August. Due to an unexpected bequest and the rebate from the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign, the parish is currently in black. Our utility costs are now less since the cost is being split with the school.
- The parish has reached 56% of the goal of our two-year pledge to CAIN.

**Liturgy:**

- Tuesday, November 1, the Feast of All Saints, and Thursday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, are both Holy Days of Obligation. Christmas is on Sunday this year.
- Father Pat McCloskey and Father Jim Bramlage have been a great help in assisting with Masses.
- Bishop Binzer will celebrate Mass at St. Boniface on Sunday, October 23, and will be assisting with confessions at the Penance Services on December 14 and March 14.
- The Bible Study group is discussing the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, Chapters 10 and 11.
- Melanie Suer has been contacting people new to Northside about St. Boniface Parish. There will be an Open house on Sunday, October 16, in the gathering space after the noon Mass. Notices will be in the bulletin, on Facebook, in the Northside paper, and a follow up letter will be sent to people who were already contacted.
- A bass singer is needed for the choir.

**Miscellaneous:**

- A window in the bell tower was shot out. It is being replaced.
- The parish Thanksgiving Homecoming Festival will be Sunday, November 20.
- The Building and Grounds Committee has been making recommendations. The church doors have been refinished and the parking lots have been resurfaced and lined.

- Ken Price expressed concern that, during the recent power failure, not all of the emergency lights in church were working. Jenni is working on getting these repaired and is talking with F. D. Lawrence regarding the possibility of installing LED lights.
- Ken also mentioned that the sacristy is very cold in winter and suggested installing film on the inside of the windows. Jenni will look into this.
- Kathie Fahey expressed concern that the personal albs which are in the closet in the servers' sacristy apparently are being used by everyone and the albs are being left on the floor of the closet. Jenni will send a reminder regarding this.

**Old Business:**

**Chili Cook-Off** – The Chili Cook-Off will be held Saturday, January 28, in the school cafeteria after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Soup will also be served for those who do not wish to eat chili.

Due to Thanksgiving and the festival, the next meeting will be November 29. The meeting was closed at 8:00 p.m. with prayer by Father Joe.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Welz, Secretary

