

Parish Council Meeting Agenda-Minutes

St Boniface Parish

Meeting Date: 1/22/2025 6:00PM

Attendees:

Council Members		Parishioners in Attendance		St. Boniface Staff	
Jackie Chesher	X			Father Rudy	X
Eusebio Picardo				Jenni Lindgren	X
Tito Sanchez	X			Kim Childs	X
Casey Scullin	X				
Jacob Bryant	X				
Joe Ruter	X				
Rich Kelly	X				
Mark Lewis	X				
Carol Roosa	X				

CALL TO ORDER and WELCOME

- Approve November minutes - approved
- Council members address issues during the meeting; guests speak upon approval, and at the end of the meeting

Opening Prayer - Fr Rudy

PASTORAL REPORT – Fr Rudy

- Next Generation Parish:
 - Old Business
 - Outstanding issue: involvement of Parish staff in the Implementation phase - meeting held in December and staff brought up to speed
 - Outstanding issue: status of booklet containing pastoral plan for 2025 – was to be available at year end 2024 – booklet is complete and bi-lingual and will be distributed to the parish family in February
 - Outstanding issue: can Hispanic representation on councils be expanded – Fr. Rudy was to explore – has two new candidates
 - Will the OLG family get deacons? – deacons are assigned to their own parish; very few deacons that will serve at a parish other than their own; also difficult to find ones who are bi-lingual
 - New Business:
 - Update on Next Generation implementation activities -pastoral plan booklets have been created; next meeting for the implementation group is February booklets and meeting in February 15th at St. Joseph
 - Report on Christmas season activities – had OLG feast and the novena; food and drinks for celebration
 - CMA 2025 – Tito and Rob handled the announcements for CMA
 - Will have a second collection at the Spanish speaking Masses this weekend for CMA

SCHOOL REPORT – Kim Childs:

- Old Business:
 - Status of student behavior challenges – two students have been asked to leave, but overall behavior is improved
 - Status of staffing – have aide position(s) been filled – a person with extensive experience has been hired – going well and happy
 - Status of Hubbard's Cupboard – meeting this Friday members from CISE to evaluate areas chosen for the cupboard
- New Business:
 - Spanish leaning program: teacher was pulled, so program is without a teacher; program was discontinued and the vendor has reimbursed the school; a creative writing class is being taught in its place
 - Catholic Schools Week begins 1/27 – school has activities planned; enrollment for the next school year will also begin during this week
 - 4 student volunteers from Cincinnati State are volunteering at the school to assist students with occupational skills
 - Junior Achievement program sponsored by 5/3 Bank will be starting; objective of the program is to help students get a better understanding of finances
 - New AED was received; there will now be a AED device on every floor of the school
 - School registration: a number of calls have already been received and packets have been sent to the families
 - Fish Fry: there will be a fish fry this year managed by the cafeteria staff; Kim will work with faculty and staff and students with volunteering
 - Beginning to look at teacher retention for next year – most seem happy; one teacher will be retiring
 - Opportunity to write a grant for student and family engagement – one grant would fund classes to teach families English; classes would be in the summer. Is there interest - Tito seems to think there would; should also extend this to people at St. Leo

PARISH AND FINANCIAL REPORT – Jenni Lindgren:

- Old Business:
 - Update: status of coal chute repair: under contract with work will begin in the spring
 - Update: status on tuck pointing of church building – three bids and still researching; defer further discussion until May 2025 meeting
 - Update: AC in cafeteria – good to go
 - Update: AAC in gym - still working on estimates
 - Update: Security for church – cameras and key cards – grant received, but Archdiocese requires any work in excess of \$10,000 to have three different estimates – there are a limited number of vendors who do this work, so it's a challenge to get three
 - Update: status of creating a shared bulletin for the OLG family – Next Generation group is looking into this; decision to be presented next month; each parish works with a different vendor for bulletin publication, so that will need to be worked through

- New Business:
 - Received the bequest from Father Joe's estate.
 - Financial update:
 - finances are looking good; will be investing newly received money in the Catholic Values Fund
 - School: K -8 is negative due to lag with EdChoice vouchers – they are issued in arrears; pre-school is negative because the five star rating was not in place at the start of the school – should rebound next year with rating in place
 - Overall school finances are significantly improved over from a couple of years ago
 - Shortage in the teacher profession will drive an increase in teacher salaries and that will have an impact on the budget
 - CISE: asked for the school budget to be delivered to them in February
 - Cafeteria: negative numbers are due to lag in reimbursement from the state
 - Work on the 2026 budget is beginning -input from different departments and ministries will help shape the budget for next fiscal year
 - New administrative assistant – name and responsibilities – Heidi Cardorna is working out, has experience since she worked at Holy Family; spending time at Little Flower to help with Spanish translations

OTHER MINISTRIES

- Worship committee – Joe Ruter
 - Thanks to all who contributed their time and talents to make the Christmas season beautiful and memorable
 - Seasonal liturgies were well attended: Mass of Remembrance was well attended as were Advent and Christmas services; 4 Chaplains Mass will be said on February 1st, and preparations for liturgies during Lent will begin soon
 - Sound system: problems with wireless microphones being dropped and/or have incorrect batteries; recommendation is a person be designated as sound system manager
 - 2025 is a Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church – ideas are being discussed as to how St. Boniface will celebrate; milestones for the founding and building the church are also upcoming
- SVDP update – Rich Kelly
 - Number of patrons continues to increase
 - Food comes from the FSFB and other donations
 - Have been giving items to Little Flower and/or make available to parishioners after Masses
 - Maybe Daniel can assist with Thursday drop off
 - People are responding to the monthly requests for the items

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update: status of updates to the display case in the church foyer – Mark Lewis – still ongoing
- Update: interest and availability of bible study in the OLG family parish – Jacob Bryant – contacted parishes about bible study – Little Flower has a prayer group, but it is Spanish;

contacts at other parishes will be getting back to Jacob ; Jacob and Ami willing to lead the study- create opportunity for families to attend- will present a curriculum next meetings

- Update: can a book be placed at the doors to include those who need for prayers –a book of prayer intentions will be placed at the door for people to enter names of those to be remembered and it will be taken to the altar as part of the offertory
- Update: Can a time limit be put in place for how long people on the list? Prayer intention book is in place, so names will no longer be read at Mass

NEW BUSINESS:

- Turkey buzzards on the roof – there is a plan to mitigate the problem when tuck pointing in the spring
- Hate literature has been passed out in Northside; Jenni will be following up with the police and the FBI to advise them of this activity
- Availability of meeting rooms – there are rooms available at Little Flower if a larger space is needed for meetings or celebrations
- Blending of Hispanic and Anglo communities: not enough is done to blend communities – an example is on Holy Thursday when all those having their feet washed are Hispanic males – can this be better balanced?
- How can the English and Hispanic communities be more engaged with each other?
- December 6th was deep cleaning of the church; next one is February 21st – please contact the parish office if interested in participating
- Carol and altar society will be working on decorating the alter
- Distribution of the Precious Blood will resume provided we can get more communion ministers

Next meeting is March 26, 2025, at 6:00PM in the Parish Office meeting room