

Parish Council Meeting Agenda-Minutes

St Boniface Parish

Meeting Date: 3/26/2025 6:00PM

Attendees:

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

CALL TO ORDER and WELCOME

- Approve January 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
 - Update: booklet with pastoral plan was distributed to the parish family weekend of April 5-6
 - Update: can Hispanic representation on councils be expanded – Fr. Rudy has two new candidates in mind
 - Update: goals from the implementation group meeting in February:
 - Create Our Lady of Guadelupe (OLG) parish pastoral council with two members from each of the five parishes
 - Set up OLG Worship and Liturgical commissions
 - Hire OLG religious education director- hiring done by OLG business staff
 - Archdiocese is working on the organization of the OLG family:
 - Create business administrator job description/position
 - Finalize organization by year end
 - New Business:
 - Ash Wednesday services – services well attended including the school Mass; both afternoon services were well attended with 1,410 people in attendance at the evening Mass

- Two new prayers were added to weekend Masses: the Jubilee prayer before Mass and a revised Prayer for Vocation written by Archbishop Schnurr at the end of Mass

SCHOOL REPORT – Kim Childs:

- Old Business:
 - Status of staffing – working on contracts for next year; two teachers will not be returning; several male teachers have applied; Ms. Childs believes this will be good for many of our children.
 - Status of Hubbard's Cupboard – CISE has approved the project to provide snacks and school supplies for our students. The cupboard will be restocked monthly.
- New Business:
 - Net Retreat for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students was held recently. Teachers were well pleased with how it went. Volunteers throughout the Country come in and work with teens to help them learn to focus on themselves and their relationship with God. Next year they hope to hold it in October to give the kids a head start on the year.
 - Healthy Visions, a self-respect class for seventh and eighth graders, is being offered to our students.
 - Band and the Drama Club are going well.
 - Maintenance Appreciation Day was held for our maintenance department. Steve, Jim, and Daniel were awarded superhero T-shirts with their names on them and children wrote thank you notes. Next month we hope to do the same for our cafeteria workers.
 - Tyree Gaines, 8th grade teacher, was nominated for the America Teachers' Award.
 - One of our students, Angel, won the Earth Day Poster contest. Her artwork will appear on T-shirts made available throughout the City.
 - CISE gave Ms. Child's high scores for her leadership of the school.
 - Eighth grade graduation will be held on May 20th.

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- Old Business:
 - Update: status on tuck pointing of church and school buildings; Jenni was ready to accept a bid; however, another company has asked to submit one. The school must be done over the summer when school is not in session.
 - Update: AC in cafeteria – The AC has been installed; there are a couple of things still needing some tweaking.
 - Update: Security for church – cameras and key cards – grant received; Jenni is working on getting estimates.
 - Update: status of creating a shared bulletin for the OLG family – Lisa Biedenbach is working with the Business Managers to investigate which of the major bulletin publishers for us to use.
- New Business:
 - Payments to the school: Finance has approved sending \$55,000 to the school from the Minges Trust. \$28,000 of this money will be used to pay for new/repaired window work recently done.

- Cafeteria: The school needed two new milk coolers as both needed to be replaced. We received a grant to cover one of them and an anonymous donor provided the other. The basket raffle at the fish fries will now be used to replace a very noisy fan in the cafeteria. We may be getting a new refrigerator from the FreeStore Foodbank.
- Financial update:
 - finances are looking good; will be investing newly received money in the Catholic Values Fund
 - Work on the 2025-26 budget is continuing; input from different departments and ministries will help shape the budget for next fiscal year

OTHER MINISTRIES

Worship Commission (Joe Ruter)

- Discussion held to switch the confessional in the bride's room to the cry room, and move the cry room to the bride's room and share the same space. One concern is there is no speaker in the bride's room. Fr. Rudy also would like to have the old confessional by the Pieta renovated so it can again be used as a confessional.
- Still looking for someone to coordinate the 4:00 Mass on Saturday
- The Worship Commission hopes to create a formation program for liturgical ministers.
- Are there enough lectors to allow for two at each Mass? Suggestion made to encourage lectors themselves to create a buddy system where they help each other whenever possible rather than assigning more than one per Mass.
- Thanks were offered to volunteers who decorate the church for the liturgical seasons.
- Thanks were offered to volunteers and St. Xavier students for cleaning the church interior and exterior.

SVDP Food Pantry:

- During April proteins (beef stew, ravioli, tuna, chicken, etc.) are on the wish list.
- The Oakley Kroger's and the Seventh Day Adventists have been very generous to our pantry.

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 Jacob had several suggestions on which direction the study should take.
- Bells: Mark Lewis brought up the bells not working before Masses; Jenni will look into it as this is the first she has heard of it. They do ring for the Angeles at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Outside trash can: Several people have requested having a can outside to use when people are coming to church for different reasons. Jenni will look into this and possibly place it at the top of the stairs leading to the food pantry.
- Communications: Members asked about times for confessions, Eucharistic devotions, and Stations of the Cross. We need to do a better job of communicating events.
- Installation of our new Archbishop, Most Reverend Robert G. Casey, will take place on April 3 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral.

Next meeting is May 14, 2025, at 6:00PM in the Parish Office meeting room