

Parish Council Meeting Agenda-Minutes

St Boniface Parish

Meeting Date: 7/23/2025 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					
Mark Lewis	X				
Carol Roosa	X				

CALL TO ORDER and WELCOME

- Approve May 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: Next Generation parish activities:
 - Update: Hire OLG religious education director- hiring done by OLG business staff – Cristina Garces hired and started July 1
 - Update: Archdiocese is working on the organization of the OLG family:
 - Update: Create business administrator job description/position – people from Archdiocese will hold a preliminary meeting with a couple of Business Managers – pending
 - Pending: Finalize organization by year end – still waiting on Rosemarie
 - Worship Comm, Parish Council for the family:
 - Council had its first meeting and decisions were made as to logistics and roles – minutes from the meeting will be distributed to the parish families – two people from each parish are on the parish family council: Jackie Chesher and Tito Sanchez
 - Update: OLG family bulletin: a meeting was held with Business Managers to discuss bulletin – on hold for now

- New Business:
 - No items

SCHOOL REPORT – Kim Childs:

- Old Business:
 - Update: enrollments numbers – 183 students enrolled with others on the waiting list – believe enrollment goal of 200 will be met
 - Staff updates, if any – fully staffed for the upcoming year; may add another pre-school aide
- New Business:
 - Created a new technology area created in the school
 - Hall outside the cafeteria painted in school colors
 - Baby changing stations added in the bathrooms to accommodate religious ed groups
 - Government funding is frozen right now for: Title1 – money that is used to help struggling students; Title 2 – professional development; Title 3 – help English learning students; and, Title 4 – funds for new programs
 - No timeline or date given as to when funds will be available; expectations is Title 3 money will never be released
 - Staffing hours had to be reduced due to lack of these frozen funds – uncertain how school will be impacted overall

PARISH AND FINANCIAL REPORT – Jenni Lindgren:

- Old Business:
 - Update: tuck pointing of church and school buildings – school is complete and bill paid; church will be done this fall
 - Update: Security for church and school – still in progress
 - Update: Church bells still not ringing on Sunday – will look at again
 - Change sign over to the digital – estimated cost is \$32,000, but a digital sign provides flexibility – passed by council – Jenni will pursue other estimates
- New Business:
 - Rummage Sale – August 16 in the morning; need help with setup, working and clean up; whatever is left is donated to SVDP, maybe a “fire sale” can be done
 - Need to stock the sacristy with wine to accommodate all Masses
 - Hispanic Festival cancellation; too late to plan and hold a another festival in its place this year
 - Should look at holding a split the pot raffle
 - Sound system is not working in the sanctuary and cry room; Will ask Alfredo or Chris to look into it
- Financial update:
 - End of fiscal year review – all items ended as expected
 - Current church year is starting in the negative because work completed in June (last fiscal year), was paid out of current fiscal year budget
 - School: pre-school made a profit last year
 - School safety grant is renewable every three years and we are due to apply again
- Budget for next year:
 - Budget has not been reviewed by finance

- Parish Council reviewed, but cannot approve it until the finance committee has reviewed and approved it

OTHER MINISTRIES

Worship Commission (Joe Ruter)

- Update: status of confessional moving from the Bride's room - completed
- Update: status: has someone been found to coordinate the 4:00 Mass on Saturday – not yet
- Update: status: a formation program for liturgical ministers – no update – should be managed by Cristina
- Update: can the baptismal font on the altar be moved to the west side door? In process
- Friday 9:30 Mass suspended – will resume September 5th
- Proposal: establish an arts and environment group to plan and implement liturgical décor
- Family Worship committee has been formed – This group will strive for unity in all liturgical practices and celebrations. It is lead by Fr. Samuel
- A third priest is not scheduled to be assigned to the parish family, to date. Currently, Fr. Nicholas Onyait, MCCJ, is serving our parish family for 2 months.
- Need to determine how national holidays are celebrated
- Adoration after Thursday evening Mass will be reviewed for best practices and to encourage participation among the whole parish. Having Adoration after Mass makes set-up for Adoration challenging when the altar is set for Mass.
- Create and communicate:
 - a protocol for use of the sacristy and who may enter before Mass and what can be stored there so that a prayerful environment is observed and respected, especially immediately before any liturgical celebration.
 - guidelines for parents about children's behavior at Mass that distracts the celebrant and congregation.
 - a protocol for the presentation and blessing of children at Mass, now offered at the Prayer After Communion instead of during the Offertory.

SVDP Food Pantry:

- During August canned vegetables and fruit are on the wish list
- Pantry is being impacted by Federal cutbacks – Free Store Food Bank is experiencing shortages, as is SVDP Bank Street – not sure if it's short term or long term situation

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update: interest and availability of bible study in the OLG family parish – Jacob Bryant Working with several suggestions on a direction the study should take, a plan consisting of three units was developed – first three sessions planned out, and an overview in place; sessions are: focus will be on the jubilee as redemption and social equity: it's origin, historical perspective and modern understanding – study will consist of three units that consist of three sessions each – dates TBD
- Parish Council membership: keeping it at 8 or will a request be made for new members to begin in September – deferred to next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- Door greeters at Mass that welcome people and help them choose correct books for Mass – may not be feasible as we struggle to recruit people for committees that are currently in place
- A thank-you to all who volunteer time and talent to keep our parish vibrant and beautiful

Next meeting is September 24, 2025, at 6:00PM in the Parish Office meeting room