

St Bernard's Parish Council Meeting
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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, April 7, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.

Present: Fr. Brian, Mike Gabor, Brian Aeschlimann, Anne Blindt, Mike Dummer, Earl Lochner, Jane Maly, Gene Zander, Nick Simon, John Winter, Elaine Hathaway

Absent: Barb Bohringer, Jack Arseneau, Luke Fuszard

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mike Gabor. Opening Prayer – Mike Dummer.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

- **MINUTES FROM JANUARY 28, 2016**

- Approved

- **DINNER/SOCIAL OPTIONS UPDATE**

- John Winter, Ann Blindt and Mike Gabor handed out a list of potential social functions for the Council to review and discussion.
- The #1 option was the Turkey Bingo which would be held on a Saturday evening after 5:00 Mass and could include raffles, dinner options and Bingo with prizes that include meats and poultry.
- It was agreed that this was the option we would try this year with the event being held in the fall of 2016.
- Elaine Hathaway and Jane Maly volunteered to chair the event and to organize a committee to plan the event.

- **COMMISSION REPORTS**

- **Property Commission** – Church Remodel
 - The restoration of the Tabernacle has been completed. Fr. Brian plans to have this moved back into the Sanctuary during the month of April.
 - The cost of the restoration for both the Light and the Tabernacle were covered by donations.
 - Continue to work with Mary Jane Harbour for the remodel.
 - Contacted the DiRienzo Monument Company to repair and move the Baptismal Font.
 - Fr. Brian would like this work completed by the end of June.
- **Finance Commission**
 - Working on Budget
- **Faith Formation Commission**
 - Work has begun on creating the Time and Talent Survey. Kevin Sullivan is creating an on-line version of the survey.

- Fr. Brian advised the Council that the Parish is going to a new website host which is Catholic based. Kevin Sullivan is working on implementing this new website and hopes to have it up and running by May.
- Working on a new book give-away. This book is being promoted by Dynamic Catholic and is called *Beautiful Mercy*.
- **Health Commission**
 - Adrienne Laravuso has announced her retirement this year.
 - Fr Brian is reviewing this position and is looking at options that will meet the Parish needs in the future. He hopes to have a decision by the end of the summer as to how we will go forward.
 - Blood Drives will continue as usual.
- **Human Needs Commission**
 - Feed my Lambs – This is a program that St Luke’s has started with Sauk Trails School. We are looking to partner with St Luke’s starting this program at another school. It involves providing a backpack filled with simple snacks/meals for needy children as a supplement to the school lunch program over the weekend.
 - It would be a weekly commitment and we are still working on the feasibility and details.

NEW BUSINESS

• PARISH DIRECTORY

- Fr. Brian feels it is time for a new directory.
- The last directory was in 2010 – in the past six years we have added new members and would like to have an up to date directory.
- Fr. Brian has contacted a photographer who does directories.
- Should be fairly easy to coordinate – most prep work can be done on-line.
- More to come.

• NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER/TRUSTEE – UPCOMING ELECTION

- Elections will be held in early May
- We have five vacancies – including Steve O’Brien’s position which was vacated when he relocate to California.
- At this time we have four candidates for these positions.
- Gene Zander is working on getting additional candidates.

• PARISH MISSION

- St Bernard’s will host a Mission the first week in Advent – Three nights, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
- The speaker is a lay person, Jon Leonette, who is a Catholic Speaker, Author and Radio Show Host.
- Mr. Leonette has done Missions in the area including Cross Plains. He is very engaging and highly recommended.

- View his website at <http://www.jonleonetti.com>

- **FATHER BRIAN'S COMMENTS**

- **Thank You's**

- We have received Thank You's for the following
 - St Vincent de Paul for the Blanket Drive
 - Multi Cultural Center – We gave them \$10K donation
 - Middleton Outreach Ministry – for our gift of \$1800

- **St Bernard to Host Seminarian**

- Fr Brian has been asked to host a seminarian this summer. His name is David Keyes and he is from Belmont, WI.

- **Annual Catholic Appeal**

- We are at 103% of our goal which was \$82,671

- **Confirmation**

- Confirmation will be on May 1st this year.
- Next year the age will be bumped back from 11th Grade to 10th Grade and also beginning next year Confirmation will be in the Fall instead of in the Spring.

Reminder there is a Picnic Meeting on May 12th at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

Next Meeting – Thursday, May 26th

Prayer for next meeting – Luke Fuszard

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p m.

Minutes submitted by Jane Maly