

**ST. BERNARD PARISH**  
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**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 26, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M. – PCMR**

Present: Fr. Brian, Brian Aeschlimann, Barb Bohringer, Jan Clauss, Mike Dummer, Mike Gabor, Elaine Hathaway, Pam Klas, Jane Maly, Leslie Sullivan, John Winter, Gene Zander

Unable to attend: Anne Blindt and Luke Fusgard

7:00 p.m. – Call to Order by Mike Gabor

Opening prayer: Jan Clauss

**1. OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2016  
Motion to approve, Jane M. Seconded by Brian A. All agree.  
Mike Gabor added that John Winter agreed to act as coordinator for the Summer Picnic with Anne Blindt.
- B. Update of Parish Winter Fest – Elaine Hathaway
  - \*Date is 2/18/17 at 6pm-9:30pm
  - \*Advertising: 3 posters, website and Fr will announce.  
Flyer will go in bulletin prior week.
  - \*Club Tavern catering \$5/plate, free water/soda, popcorn, & taking donations for alcoholic beverages.
  - \*Games: Bingo, Basket Raffle, 50/50, Horse Races, Silent Auction, Dice Game. Kids games: Panda Ball, Ladder Golf, Bean Bags, maybe Face Painting and Movies.
  - \*Volunteers are needed for set up/tear down, working games  
Getting the word out to students. Will ask KC's
  - \*Next Winter Fest Mtg is this Monday so will know more.
- C. Reports/Commission Updates
  - i. Faith Formation Commission (no meeting since last update) However, Leslie stated that she attended a meeting today about being aware of children with special needs-if they need sacraments in different ways.

- ii. Human Needs Commission – no meeting
- iii. Finance Council –  
Fr. Brian reported that we are right on target with the budget. The Commission expressed no concerns about the current budget. We currently have \$10,000.00 in the new Maintenance Fund. The budget process for next fiscal year will begin in March with department heads being asked to submit their requests. The Finance Commission should have a first draft of the budget at the April meeting. We are currently trying to identify individuals who may be willing to volunteer as money counters for the weekend collections. Marcia Schollmeyer has suggested that it would be a positive step to identify a few more people to help with this.

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Fr. Brian is going to re-formalize the Property Commission to meet twice a year to discuss capital improvements that need to be accomplished in the next few years. For the current year we are anticipating repairing the Kitchen entrance loading dock/retaining wall and refurbishing the church restrooms. Other items discussed were the ushers room, drinking fountains and old cry room. Fr. Brian advised to keep suggestions coming.
- B. Spring election preview- Fr. Brian reported he wants to start this process in March by inviting people to run. Would do elections in May.

## **3. FR. BRIAN'S COMMENTS**

- A. Snack Pack Blessing Program is holding its' own in regard to budget.
- B. St. Vinney's gave TV to Men's Shelter.
- C. Ellen will be sending out our first 12 page newsletter in March. We have sufficient \$\$\$ to pay for this from our advertising.
- D. We have received two Thank You's: from Multicultural Center for our donation of \$10,000 and from MOM for our donation of \$7,200.

## **4. CLOSING**

- a. Next Executive Meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m.

**b.** Next Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, March 23, 2017 @  
7:00 p.m.

**c.** PRAYER: Jan Clauss    Next Prayer Leader: Mike Dummer

Minutes submitted by Barb Bohringer