

St. Bernard Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2006

John Moorhouse opened the meeting 7:00 p.m..
Fr. David Reichling led us in prayer.

Attendees:	Mark Rheume	Dan Gayvert
Fr. David Reichling	Dan O'Donnell	Blake Jensen
John Moorhouse	Bob Murphy	
Patti Dunbar	Pat Thomas	Absent:
Roy Brown	Kris Nelson	Cathy Bealer
Dave DeBatts	Brian Shea	Mandi Crable
Robin Bender	Bruce Broswick	

The minutes of the October 2006 meeting were approved to be placed online.

Committee Reports

Education

Children: Bob Murphy reported they are accepting one or two new student per week. The "Warrior Pins" program is going well. The children are enthusiastic about the program. The letters to parents of former students resulted in one response. Six former students are attending Billings Catholic Schools and four are not returning.

Teens: The SEARCH originally scheduled for the weekend of 17-18 Dec 2006 has been cancelled because it might conflict with a possible football playoff game.

RCIA: The Rite of Acceptance will be conducted 10 Dec 2006.

Adult Bible Study: Attendance is high averaging forty to fifty each week.

Billings Catholic Schools: The next BCS board meeting will be 16 Jan 2007 at St. Bernard's. A new website is being released shortly. Members of the BCS are hosting a program twice a month on Community 7 public access television. A group of 8th graders are fund raising to finance a trip to Washington, DC in March 2007.

Parish Fun

The Halloween party had more attending this year than last year. Planned food for 350 but ran out of everything. Turkey Bingo will be 18 Nov 2006. Mandi asks everyone who has ideas to forward them to her. The Christmas party will be held 16 Dec 2006 and bingo will be offered.

The softball team had a 7-2 record but lost the championship game.

Liturgy

The Advent/Christmas penance service is scheduled 19 Dec 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas masses will be 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Social Justice

Parish Nursing: no report

Haiti: Pat Thomas reported 169 children have been sponsored by parishioners for \$16,900. There are 410 children attending the school so there are many more to sponsor. St. Bernard's Social Justice Committee is sponsoring two children. The Detroit group has asked the St. Bernard group to merge to help improve communications.

Pro-Life: They will be giving out carnations at this weekend masses to promote pro-life.

Interfaith Hospitality Network: The next weekend to host will be 17-24 Dec 2006. Brian will head up the evaluation project.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference: Randy Heinz reported they have a new member, Kyle Sproute.

Communications

No report

Finance Committee

The lease agreement for the Senior Meals has been approved to renew. This is a paid arrangement and in addition to the small payment the Council for the Aging has agreed to pay half of any repairs needed on the dishwasher. A finance report was in the last bulletin; to date there have been no comments from parishioners. The work on the roof is continuing because the weather is delaying work. A handrail on the wall in front of the boiler room door rusted off and fell over. It will be repaired and reinstalled. The east stairway will have a new handrail installed for those who need stability.

New Business

Council of Catholic Women held their craft sale with 74 tables. They have been hosting it for 25 years. They had positive television and newspaper coverage. Their membership has increased. The new coffee bar needs drains under the spigots. This will require some remodeling and it has not been scheduled. The bar is usable as it is. The CCW has made the arrangements for the installation and paid for the electrical hookup. John Dieble donated and installed the cabinet. The parish paid \$2400 for the machine. St. Joan's Circle has their holiday inventory in stock. The contact person for coordinating the kitchen for funeral luncheons for November is Rosemary Power @ 256-8554.

The Knights of Columbus Christmas tree sale will start 19 November 2006 and run until 22 December 2006 or they run out of trees, whichever comes first.

The next parish council meeting is scheduled for 14 December 2006.

The meeting ended with prayer and prayer intentions, led by Brian Shea at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Randy Heinz, SFO