

St. Bernard Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
13 September 2007

Fr. David opened the meeting 7:00 a.m. and led the opening prayer.

Attendees:	Mary Strauss	Mark Rheaume
Brian Shea	Bruce Mueller	Jennifer Brown
Patti Dunbar	Grace Reif	Randy Heinz
John Moorhouse	Dan Gayvert	Glen Gauer
Jamie Gauer	Priscilla Moorhouse	
Kris Nelson	Patricia Thomas	Absent:
Bruce Broswick	Kim Alveraz	Roy Brown
Fr. David Reichling	Kimberly Haaland	

Orientation of Council Members:

Fr David explained what the responsibilities of a parish council member are and emphasized the need to attend every meeting. The parish council meeting dates for 2007-2008 are:

13 September 2007	14 February 2008
11 October 2007	13 March 2008
8 November 2007	10 April 2008
13 December 2007	18 May 2008
10 January 2008	

Review of Committee Assignments:

The Parish Council (and their committee assignments) for 2007-2008 is:

Mary Strauss and Roy Brown- Liturgy
John & Priscilla Moorhouse, Bruce Mueller and Dan O'Donnell – Justice
Mary Koelzer and Patricia Thomas - Haiti
Patti Dunbar, Robin Bender and Mark Rheaume – Education
Dan Gayvert and Mandi Crable - Fun
Randy Heinz and Bruce Broswick- Communications
Grace Reif – Pro-Life

With the addition of new council members everyone introduced themselves and gave a brief biography.

Fr. David reviewed the following:

There are two seminarians from St. Bernard's: Curt Seidel and Mike Mayott. Paul Rymniak will be here for a healing service 23-25 September 2007. Senior Meals have moved to another facility, freeing up the kitchen for other activities. Tuesday nights a group of barbershop singers meet. There are about 25 of them. The Knights of Columbus have painted Daly Hall. The roof above the boiler room has been replaced and the next phase is to replace the roof above the main church and Daly Hall. Brian and Bitsy have new computers and the rest of the staff will get new ones in the near future. This year we met our Care and Share goal the quickest ever. The Parish Nursery has someone willing to run it but no one shows up to use it. A supervisor for the altar servers will be appointed to maintain decorum and ensure training among the servers. Time and Talent weekend is scheduled for next weekend. Fr. David asked everyone to keep Fr. Paul in their prayers.

Committee Reports

Education

Children: Vacation Bible School was a success with 125 children. CCD has started with 130 students. 1st Reconciliation is scheduled for 8 Dec 2007. Helpers are needed for CCD.

Teens: The summer went well. The youth enjoyed rafting, caving, ranch trips and a retreat at Legendary Lodge. Regular weekly meetings start with the school year. Overall numbers are down with High School attendance up and Junior High and 5th & 6th grade attendance down. They cover 4 topics throughout the year: spirituality, social justice, catechesis and morality. They will be exploring different prayer forms throughout the year. A SEARCH is scheduled for 26-28 Oct 2007. A Catholic Montanans in Faith convention will be held in Havre 17 & 18 Nov 2007. Brian is looking for service projects for the youth but something more than cleanup projects.

RCIA: RCIA starts in October. There are 12 candidates total in the program this year with three parishioners in the program to learn more about their faith.

Adult Bible Study: Starts on 3 October with a Jeff Cavins 20 week video course about the Acts of the Apostles. The weekend of 29 & 30 September Glen will talk top the parish about ABS.

Catholic Schools: Attendance is up in numbers but Kindergarten attendance is down.

Parish Fun

The Parish Picnic was a huge success. The Knights of Columbus took the lead on organizing this since the Fun Committee is still re-organizing. The Boy Scouts were also very helpful at the picnic. There are four activities the committee coordinates: the Halloween party, Turkey Bingo, Parish Picnic and the Hayride/Christmas party. The Fun Committee is still in need of a chair. Fr. David intends to convene a group of potentially interested people.

Liturgy

Worship: There are six new members on the Liturgy Comm. 18 Oct 2007 from 7-9 p.m. a Liturgical Workshop will be hosted by Sr. Marilyn Winter. She is from the Diocesan Office of Liturgy. They are also looking to start a prayer circle for all extra-ordinary ministers before Mass.

Music: VBS went great. The Music Committee met twice in the past two weeks and is looking at the possibility of installing permanent risers. The Adult Choir is looking for change and Brenda will be their director. Jamie wants to bring more Latin into the Mass. There is a need for more Cantors.

Social Justice

Parish Nursing: St. Bernard's "Blessed Bees" participated in the Relay for Life. It was a success and they have already reserved a spot for next year. The entrance fee of \$100 will be paid by the Parish Nurse program.

Pro-Life: Grace Reif reported they met in June and they have been getting a small but dedicated turnout for the Wednesday Planned Parenthood Rosaries. The Pro-Life rally last year was a big success. They will be holding a bake sale fund-raiser on 13 October 2007. There is a pro-life conference in Cody, WY and Terry Schiavo's brother, Bobby Schindler, will be one of the speakers.

Interfaith Hospitality: Our upcoming weekends are 23-30 September 2007 and 9-15 December 2007

St. Vincent de Paul Conference: They have a good core of conference members who are doing home visits. They are planning to have a table set up during Time and Talent weekend.

Haiti: The School children adoptions will be this weekend. It is \$100 each for 265 children.

Communications

Web site:

Parish Groups

Council of Catholic Women: 20 Sept wine and cheese party.

Knights of Columbus: 7 Oct hosting a Care Net pancake breakfast.

Finance

Reviewed in Fr. David's items listed above.

New Business and Council Member Input

19 October is the 40th Anniversary of Fr. David's ordination.

Closing:

The meeting closed at 8:58 p.m.

The next parish council meeting is scheduled for 11 October 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Heinz