

St. Bernard Catholic Church
226 Wicks Lane
Billings, MT 59105
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2005

Kevin Holland opened the meeting in prayer.

Committee Reports:

Adult education reported that their program is 1/3 of the way through the book program. An open discussion as to why we may be losing members to other congregations and ways to remedy the situation led to no solution but was very informative.

Right to Life gave the date of the Bishop's rosary, Mass and Lenten Soup and Bread as March 23, 2005 beginning at 11:30 AM. All participants are asked to gather in the parking lot of St Bernard's at 11:15. The committee also reminded us to be well versed City, State and Federal laws and regulations regarding demonstrations at Abortion Clinics.

John and Pricilla Moorhouse reported that investigation into the cost of exams at the two city hospitals are on a sliding scale depending on income. They also reported that the Abortion Clinic charges in the same manner and not a flat \$25.00 per exam.

Communications Committee reported a lack of information being sent to Randy for the website. All attending committee representatives said they will do better in getting information to the website on a regular basis. The website master prefers items written for the website instead of the Webmaster filtering through various information channels to pick out and edit information for the website.

Family Fun Committee reported a planned trip to the Round Barn in Red Lodge with possible date of May 14, 2005 and another trip to be scheduled later.

Education Committee reported Communion/confirmation classes are going well and the retreat is scheduled for March 12, 2005. They also brought up the idea of having the children wave palm and have the donkey lead Jesus instead of parading with noisemakers. Bob Murphy will talk to Fr Dave about this.

Post Script: Prior to printing these minutes, Fr Dave reminded us that the palm ends would embed themselves into the carpet making it impossible to vacuum up. He recommends we stay with the noisemaker procession.

Liturgy Committee reminded all that the Chrism Mass will be held at St Pat's at 7:00 PM Monday March 14th. Communal Penance service will be held at St Bernard's on Tuesday March 15 beginning at 7: PM. A Divine Mercy Chaplet is in the planning stages for April 3rd. The offertory basket should not be delivered to the Alter during the Consecration of the Eucharist. Discussion of Eucharistic Ministers gathering to accept the bread and wine from Fr showed that this issue needs to be looked into in further detail.

Pectoral Committee reported that signups for appointments would take place after each mass for the next 5 weeks.

Music Committee: Jamie is looking into cost of updating the sound system. The Committee is in the planning stages of a concert to benefit Rachael's Vineyard. Music for the Easter Vigil and Easter Masses is coming along well. The choir will attend a choral seminar with Tony Varas on March 12th.

The meeting ended in prayer, led by Kevin Holland

Respectfully submitted;

Bob Murphy