



**St. Benedict Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
February 4, 2016
Year Kickoff Meeting**

MINUTES:

The Parish Pastoral Council of St. Benedict Catholic Church, Terre Haute, IN, met on this day at 7:10 pm in Hellmann Hall. The meeting was called to order by Brian Kiefer. The council prayed the *A Prayer for Guidance* to open the meeting.

Present: Cannon, Evans, Grimes, Hock, Kiefer, Scheidler, Schroeder, Smiddy, Weber, Fr. Martin.
Absent: Virgilio, Fr. Matthew.

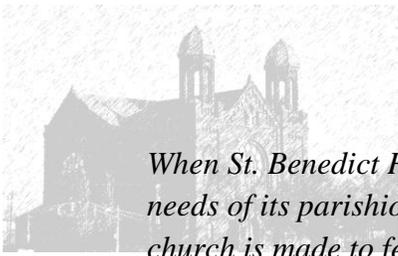
- A motion was made by Bill Smiddy to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015 Parish council meeting. The committee approved the December 1, 2015 parish council minutes as presented.
- Because of health reasons, Jim Virgilio has requested a leave of absence from the parish council. Jack Schroeder made a motion to approve the leave of absence. The motion was approved.
- Brian Kiefer passed out a summary of the 150th Anniversary Financial Report.
- The executive committee discussed the upcoming Mardi Gras party on Saturday, February 6, after 5:30 p.m. mass. Requested volunteers from the parish council to help work the party.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Committee Restructure:** There was continued discussion on the current committees and the need for three additional committees. The three new committees proposed:
 - a) Hospitality Committee: seeking a vibrant group to enhance the social needs of the church (parent group donuts in during religious ed. before 11:00 mass, just an example but the committee should be allowed creativity to welcome new members and bring together all).
 - b) Social Outreach Committee: (Committee or Ministry) Soup Kitchen, Prison Ministry, Pro Life).
 - c) Communication Committee: Increase the ability to communicate to parish members, committees, and church staff using many different media types. Looking for someone competent in technology to lead (church web page, church app, Facebook page, other projects envisioned, allow creativity to meet present and future needs).

The current committees would continue with their efforts and goals: Finance, Maintenance, Liturgy, Parish Life, Festival, Faith Formation/Religious Ed/RCIA/Youth, and Stewardship. Because of Archdiocese rules, there should be term limits for Finance and Parish Council (both already exist).

2. **Vision Statement:** David Grimes read a draft of the Vision Statement that was prepared in November 2015:



When St. Benedict Parish is fulfilling its mission, it fills the spiritual, social, educational, and service needs of its parishioners. Our parish family strives to assure that every person who enters our church is made to feel welcome. We shall show genuine interest in the needs of parishioners and non-parishioners alike, and shall strive to address their needs as they arise.

St. Benedict Parish continues to offer programs and events to encourage involvement in our parish. Committees adapt to meet the changing needs of every age group while maintaining focus on our Franciscan spiritual heritage which emphasizes humble service to all and a willingness to think of others as sent by Christ. Our parish continues to serve the poor and needy, welcome those in need of a spiritual home, and offer leadership on matters of justice and good stewardship.

A motion to approve the Vision Statement as worded was made by Pat Cannon. The motion was approved, and the Vision Statement will be added to the Mission Statement approved in 2015.

- 3. Values Statement:** The council is to work on a Values Statement prior to the next meeting. The values statement should focus on the four cornerstones of faith:
- a. More meaningful outreach
 - b. Faith Formation
 - c. Worship
 - d. Service to the community within a parish

REMARKS FROM FR. MARTIN AND FR. MATTHEW

Father Martin: None.

Father Matthew: None.

NEXT MEETING

Our next council meeting will be on February 23, 2016. A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Cannon. The motion carried and the meeting ended at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory Hock, Secretary

Approved:

A copy of these minutes will be placed as an insert in the bulletin after approval. They are also on file in the parish office and available through a link on the St. Benedict website (stbenedictth.org). Parish Pastoral Council meetings are open to all parishioners and are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except December and July. Questions can be directed to any council member whose names are in the parish directory.