



**St. Benedict Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
January 24, 2017**

MINUTES:

The Parish Pastoral Council of St. Benedict Catholic Church, Terre Haute, IN, met on this day at 7:00 PM in the Hellman Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lorrie Scheidler. The opening prayer *Stewardship Prayer for the New Year* was read.

Present: Burns, Grimes, Hock, Kiefer, Miller, Scheidler, Shanks, Fr. Martin.

Absent: Cannon, Evans, Osborn, Weber.

Minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Kiefer. The motion passed, and minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Hellmann Hall Update:** Update by Father Martin. Overview:
 - a. There is an upcoming fundraiser for the renovation. Need more money to meet expense.
 - b. The project should take until approximately April.
 - c. Currently still serving on east side, with divider in.
 - d. Ceiling tiles out.
2. **Parish Council Election Committee:** Kiefer coming off of the council, Cannon not seeking re-election, and Scheidler seeking re-election (3 open slots...elect 4?). May have to seek an early election because of Father Martin's sabbatical this late spring/summer, and also consider when to vote on Budget. All action around this was tabled until next meeting so Weber, Evans, and Osborn can have a voice in how to proceed. Kiefer made a motion to table, which was approved.
3. **Mission/Value/Vision Statement:** Shanks had a beautiful printing of all three statements made. Looking to have it framed and placed in entranceway of Church. Will place a notice in bulletin seeking a donation.
4. **Parish Council Poster:** Scheidler having printed now. Will seek to place in back of Church.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Mardi Gras:** Since Hellmann Hall is being renovated, need to seek alternative venue. J. Gumbos was mentioned as a possibility, could still decorate. Scheidler to investigate.
2. **Soup Sponsors for Stations of the Cross in Lent:** there are 6 Fridays to cover (3/3 – 4/7). Looking for committees to sponsor a Friday. Stewardship Committee has volunteered for a Friday, Parish Council will also volunteer for a Friday (Burns and Keifer to coordinate). Need to talk to all committees.
3. **February Meeting:** The February 2017 Parish Council meeting will be held on February 23, 2017 in the Parish Office.
4. **Misc:**
 - a. Grimes stated that the Stewardship Committee has forms for Stewardship Weekend.
 - b. Keifer gave a heads up that the Festival will be on July 7th and 8th of this year.

REMARKS FROM FR. MARTIN: Budget process moved up because of his sabbatical. The Finance Committee will meet in March to finalize/work on. The parish council will see the budget in March, and vote on it in April.

There will be a sponsor couples meeting on February 12th for those couples that work with engaged couples to be married. Eight weddings are scheduled for 2017!

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be on February 23, 2017 in the Parish Office at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made to adjourn by Burns. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Hock

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 (stbenedicth.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.