



St. Benedict Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
June 28, 2016

MINUTES:

The Parish Pastoral Council of St. Benedict Catholic Church, Terre Haute, IN, met on this day at 7:00 PM in the church's office meeting room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Kiefer. The council prayed *Our Father* to open the meeting.

Present: Cannon, Evans, Grimes, Kiefer, Miller, Osborne, Scheidler, Weber, Fr. Martin.

Absent: Burns, Hock, Shanks, Fr. Matthew.

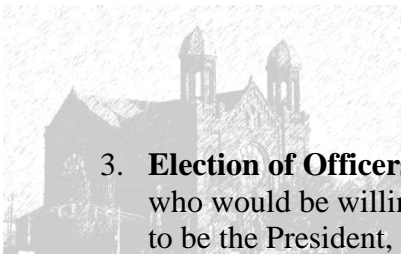
Minutes of the May 31, 2016, meeting was reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes was made. The motion passed, and minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Soup Kitchen Laundry:** Brian Kiefer sent a letter to Susan Seitz in response to her letter to the Parish Council about providing laundry services at St. Benedict's. Susan has not responded back. Dave Grimes talked with John Etling about some possibilities. John had questions like the council did. The Laundromat may be losing interest too.
2. **Parish Survey:** Fr. Matthew shared some interesting results. Most of the responses came from people between the ages of 45-75. He did feel like this could be an ongoing survey to try and get some younger people to respond. Some overview/key points:
 - There is some tension between quiet in church and those who want to engage in conversation to build community.
 - Hospitality is a Key issue. People liked being greeted and welcomed.
 - Fr. Matthew challenged us to replicate this practice of greeting. Could be done by council members before Masses. Checking in with people, gathering after church, acknowledging achievements.
 - There is a need to get more people involved.
3. **Parish Budget:** The budget with a few changes was passed out to all members of the council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Dedication of the Soup Kitchen** will take place in Hellmann Hall after the 11:00am Mass. The kitchen will be named the John Prox Memorial Kitchen. A dedication of the kitchen will be organized by the parish council with the help of Mary Beth Prox. Brian Kiefer will be the liaison for the council.
2. **Father Matthews Farewell Party:** Will take place Friday August 19 at 6:30pm outside on the parking lot. Burgers will be cooked. The Council will work with the Parish Life Committee to put this event on.
It was decided that ½ the Council would work with this event and the other half would work the Soup Kitchen Dedication. Members would be contacted at a later date.



- 3. Election of Officers:** Discussion took place about the election. We went around the circle and asked who would be willing to run for the office of President and Vice President. Lorrie Scheidler agreed to be the President, Dave Grimes agreed to be the V.P., and Dan Weber said he would also be willing to be the V.P. if Dave Grimes didn't want to. Dave Grimes accepted the position of VP. Greg Hock agreed to take on the Secretary position. Pat Cannon made a motion to elect those willing to serve and it was seconded by Duane Miller.

REMARKS FROM FR. MARTIN AND FR. MATTHEW

Father Martin: None.

Father Matthew: None.

NEXT MEETING

No parish council meeting in July! Our next council meeting will be on August 23, 2016 in Hellmann Hall at 7:00 p.m... Meeting adjourned: Motion made to adjourn was made by Dan Weber. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Hock (from minutes taken by Lorrie Scheidler)

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.