



St. Benedict Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
March 22, 2016

MINUTES:

The Parish Pastoral Council of St. Benedict Catholic Church, Terre Haute, IN, met on this day at 7:01 PM in the church's office meeting room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Kiefer. Weber took minutes for Secretary Hock. The council prayed *A Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal* to open the meeting.

Present: Grimes, Weber, Evans, Kiefer, Scheidler, Smiddy, Schroeder, Fr. Martin, Fr. Matthew

Absent: Cannon, Hock, Virgilio-*Leave of absence.*

Minutes of February 23, 2016, meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Dave Grimes. The motion passed, and minutes were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Committee Restructure:** Tabled until a later meeting.
2. **Values Statement:** Value Statement prepared by Greg Hock was reviewed and discussed with a couple of suggestions offered by board members. It was to be sent back to Greg for his additional thoughts before presenting to the board at the April meeting. Board thought Greg's proposed Value Statement was very much on target.
3. **Upcoming Parish Council Election:** Bill Smiddy and Brian Kiefer will address the parish at during mass on the weekend of April 9th & 10th to talk about the duties of the parish council members plus what it means to them to serve on the council while encouraging those who have an interest to participate on the parish council to submit their names. Also, they will ask for volunteers for our new parish committees and existing ones.
4. **Parish Survey:** Parish Survey discussion was led by Fr. Matthew. The information collected has not been tabulated to date but the process continues with a reported 82 responses of which 97% were registered St. Ben parishioners.

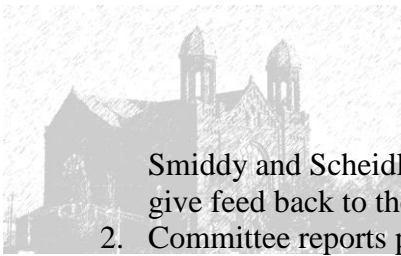
Breakdown by age of respondents:

- 4 26 – 39 yrs. of age
- 2 40 – 50 yrs. of age
- 6 50 – 59 yrs. of age
- 60 60+ yrs. of age

There was board discussion around tabulating of the data with so few younger parish member's participation in the survey itself and how do we get their input and involvement in this process. There will more discussion at the April meeting around the survey and its data collected.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Parish Council Elections** are to be held on May 14th and 15th. Going off the council are members: Schroeder, Virgilio, and Smiddy. Members to serve on the Nomination Committee: Kiefer, Weber,



Smiddy and Scheidler. Council members are encouraged to contact potential interested parties and give feed back to the committee members.

2. Committee reports presented: Finance - Weber reported that the Finance Committee will get budget input from parish committees and prepare a budget at their May 23rd meeting. Suggestion was made and agreed on that the May Council meeting will be held on May 31th to allow time for budget to be prepared and presented to the council. Vote on the proposed budget is scheduled to take place at the June 28th Council meeting. Chairman Kiefer led a discussion around reducing the budgeted monies for the Council from the current \$750 to \$500 in a spirit of cooperation and support of the effort to reduce expenses while working towards a balanced budget for 2017. Board approved Brian's recommendation. Stewardship – Schroeder discussed potential bump in giving. Some discussion was around the 2 new committees: Hospitality and Communications.

REMARKS FROM FR. MARTIN AND FR. MATTHEW

Father Martin: None.

Father Matthew: None.

NEXT MEETING

Our next council meeting will be on April 26, 2016. Meeting adjourned: Motion made to adjourn was made by Smiddy and seconded by Scheidler. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Weber for 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 (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.