



**St. Benedict Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
May 31, 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 *A Blessing at a Pastoral Meeting* to open the meeting.

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

Absent: Evans, Osborne, Smiddy, Virgilio, Fr. Matthew.

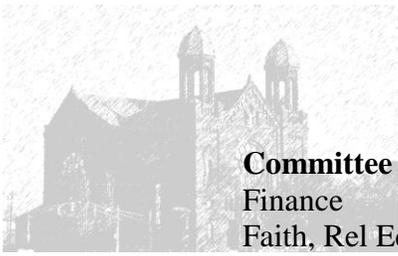
Minutes of the April 26, 2016, meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Dan Weber. The motion passed, and minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Parish Survey:** A brief overview of survey results was examined. There seemed to be about a 50/50 split on talking/greeting prior to Mass vs. prayerful silence. Will try and address to continue sense of community while allowing time for prayer and reflection. Other topics discussed: Need to get better at welcoming people, there is an interest in prayer groups. Because of Father Matthew's absence, the parish survey will be discussed further at the June parish council meeting.
2. **Values Statement:** Value Statement was read after revisions have been made. Jerry Burns made a motion to accept the values statement. The motion passed. The values statement is attached to the end of these minutes. Approval of this statement means the completion of Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Values Statement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Parish Council:** Newly elected members were welcomed to the meeting (new members: Sam Shanks, Jerry Burns, Duane Miller, and Marilyn Osborne. Discernment will occur at the June 28th parish council meeting. Outgoing members of the parish council will be recognized at the June 26 11:00 a.m. Mass. A huge thank you for all you have done!!!
2. **Soup Kitchen Laundry Proposal:** Susan Seitz, representing the Soup Kitchen, brought to our attention the laundry needs of our soup kitchen patrons. The parish council agreed there is a need, but further study is needed. The council asked Ms. Seitz to explore what the costs would be, could a voucher program be used? The council will respond to Susan's request with a need for more information, with interest in supporting as St. Bens can, helping to meet the needs of our soup kitchen patrons.
3. **Parish Budget:** The parish council will vote on the 2016-17 budget at the June parish council meeting. A preliminary snapshot of the proposal was given, along with a summary of the past year. Finances are still a major concern, and the data really emphasized the need, as talked about at past council meetings, of increasing parish membership and seeking increase in income, if possible.
4. **Committee Assignments:** With new incoming members, losing outgoing members, and the increase in committees, committee assignments were reviewed and ensured that all committees have a parish council liaison:

**Committee**

Finance
Faith, Rel Ed, RCIA
Maintenance
Liturgy
Parish Life
Stewardship
Festival
Communication
Hospitality
Social Justice

Liason

Dan Weber
Lorrie Scheidler
Marilyn Osborne (to be confirmed)
Greg Hock
Pat Cannon
David Grimes
Brian Kiefer
Sam Shanks
Jerry Burns
Duane Miller

REMARKS FROM FR. MARTIN AND FR. MATTHEW

Father Martin: Going away party for Father Matthew is Friday, August 19th. Father Martin will also be on sabbatical next spring. There will be coverage during Father's absence.

Father Matthew: None.

NEXT MEETING

Our next council meeting will be on June 28, 2016 at Brian Kiefer's house. We will have a farewell cookout for Father Matthew. Meeting adjourned: Motion made to adjourn was made by Pat Cannon. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM .

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 (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.



Values Statement

St. Benedict Church, as a Roman Catholic Church, uses our Catholic faith as a guide in every aspect of our church. In fulfilling our Mission Statement and our Vision Statement, St. Benedict Parish holds to some core values:

- We value educating our parish family on the Catholic faith, both through youth education (kindergarten through high school), continuing faith formation of adults, as well as welcoming those new to the faith (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), and through our celebration of Mass.
- We value helping those in need, through ministries to the sick, programs to help parishioners and others in need, such as the Soup Kitchen, and prayers and ministries for the sick, dying, and grieving.
- We value our involvement with our Archdiocese through our support of our deanery school, collaborative youth ministry, and our contributions to support our local Archbishop.
- We value and encourage our parish family to become involved in the daily and weekly Masses through our liturgical ministries.
- We value our 150-year history, the preservation of our historical buildings, and we keep our traditions in mind while adapting to the future.
- We value our Franciscan heritage with its strong emphasis on regarding all creation as brother and sister and those on the margins of society as worthy of our respect and care. This value is put into play especially by helping out brothers and sisters thru community involvement with Catholic Charities, Prison Ministry, Pro-Life activities, and contributing prayers and gifts to invited missionaries.
- We value the volunteerism, comradery, and importance of our community in our Parish Festival.
- We value the familial atmosphere in all we do.
- We value an open and welcoming celebration of our faith in all of our activities.