

# St. Bernard Parish Council

## Meeting Minutes

### November 12, 2009

#### Opening Prayer

Roll Call

Present:

J. Moorhouse	M. Rheume	P. Dunbar	Fr. David	T. Sanders
D. Gayvert	K. Walsh	J. Schwager	A. Salisbury	
Jen. Brown	B. Mueller	R. Heinz	B Shea	

#### **Approval of Minutes**

#### *Committee Reports*

#### Education

*RCIA*

*Teens*

Things with the youth groups have been going very good! In the last month we have had nights on Who Am I? Fear, Current Events, and a Worship Night. We have also had a movie night, gone to Chuck E. Cheese, and just recently took 28 youth to see the Creationfest Concert. Coming up we have a night on Being Thankful and then we will start a series on Advent. We also have the Search coming up on November 27-29. So far we have 26 students total, 12 of them are in the youth group. We have been averaging about 40 a night for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade youth group, 25 – 30 for the junior high group, and 40 a night for the high school group.

*Adult Education*

Jeremy might have another 4 classes, the times and dates are to be determined.

#### Parish Fun Committee

Turkey Bingo is being planned; we are going to give coupons for subway for the kid's prizes. We are going to plan a Christmas HOE down this year with a dance and music. MOPS will go to Billings Gymnastics Club on 11/18.

#### Liturgy

*Worship*

**From Time and Talent:** Ministry heads have been training new ministers and they will be ready for the new schedule. Fall environment looks wonderful and we have had several compliments. We are moving toward Advent and Christmas. Fall decorations will be taken down on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and Advent decorations to go up. The four Sundays of Advent have the same theme as they have had in the past, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11/28/09 is Kris Kringle Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 12/06/09 is Food Bank Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 12/13/09 is Toy Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12/20/09 is Baby Shower for Care net. The procedure for taking Communion to the Homebound will be put in place by Advent. There will be a notice in bulletins and the newsletter.

*Music*

The Sunday morning choir is doing very well. We are running out of chairs and copies of music because there are so many members. We will be singing at the Rocky Mountain College Christmas festival on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be many music groups singing short programs; St. Bernard's choir sings at 7:30pm. The choir will also present a Christmas concert at the parish on Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. I have asked CCW if they would like to bake cookies for a little reception following the concert.

The Youth Choir was very successful on Oct 24. I got many positive comments, especially about the bell choir "Amazing Grace." There have been about 12 kids regularly. The children sing again this Sunday at 9:00am with the adult choir. They are very excited. The children will lead the psalm from the ambo.

Praise Band is going well. Still having a hard time with attendance at rehearsal, but the teens is coming regularly on Sunday morning. A few of the teens are involved in sports that conflict with the rehearsal time. But everyone is having fun!

Fr. Dave has asked that we learn a new setting of the Glory to God for the Christmas season, so I will be teaching it before mass this week and next week, as well as singing the setting during mass. No Glory to God for Advent, but it will be back Christmas Eve.

Advent and Christmas events:

- December 6 Sunday 11am mass: Youth Choir
- December 8 Tuesday, Immaculate Conception (Day of Obligation). Mass at 7am and 9am. Music for the 9am— Sharon Karlson play guitar
- December 16 Wednesday, Penance Service at 7:00pm. Use plan from last year.
- Christmas Eve 3:30pm mass Youth Choir and cantors; 6:30pm mass Praise Band; 9:30pm mass Adult Choir.

### **Parish Nursing**

Cardiac stuff H1N1

### **Social Justice**

*Interfaith\_Hospitality*

*We are hosting 3 families at the parish this week.*

St. Vincent DePaul

Prolife

On Tuesday, Nov 10th Pro Life held their meeting at the church. Our speaker was DeAnn Visser, Executive Director, of Carenet in Billings. She expressed her thanks for the volunteers that are at Planned Parenthood every week. We will work together to try to do what we can at Planned Parenthood and to coordinate our work together. Last week we were notified that Abby Johnson, the Director of Planned Parenthood in Texas had resigned her position and said she has had a change of heart on abortion. She said "since she quit her position she feels so pure in heart ." She is now working with the Coalition for Life. She has also been outside Planned Parenthood helping women find alternatives and has since been seen on many TV channels telling her story.

*Haiti*

*Catholic Schools*

**Communications**

Web site –

Mary will be giving different organizations permission to edit their areas on the web, as soon as she hears what they plan to put on the web.

Parish Groups

Council of Catholic Women

No report

Knights of Columbus

Will be in charge of Bingo for the Turkey Bingo, more

Finance committee

New business

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Leigh Gipe