

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 6/16/2025 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Council Members: Fr. Fred, Lynne, Jim, Deb, Lisa, Leigh Anne, Dan, Bob-President

Absent: Fr. Ryan, Wendy, Barry

Minutes: Leslie

Opening Prayer: Fr. Fred led the meeting with a prayer followed with reflection among the members.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The minutes from April 28, 2025 were approved with the following correct notations, “2025 Baccalaureate Mass will be held May 24th at St. Bernard’s” and elimination of the note regarding Fr. Ryan’s trip to Italy coinciding with Fr. Fred’s to Poland.

Review of the Planning Calendar for 2025:

- The Electrolyte/Water drive to support Andre House is going well. Donations can be sent directly when purchased from a variety of sources such as, Costco, Amazon and Walmart. A tent will be in the parking for those preferring to drop off water from their cars June 21-22 rather than carrying donations into the church.
- The coffee shop will reopen again August 10, 2025.
- Sandy Fruehe is putting together a group to provide childcare for families with newborns and infants (6 months) during Mass. Parishioners have asked Fr. Fred about the availability of a nursery during Mass.
- The playground will have a cover installed and a pad on the ground which is used by our young families of the parish.
- Fr. Fred would like to have another Leadership Day event for heads of ministries.
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Evangelization/Discipleship - Divine Intimacy – Divine Intimacy/Spiritual, Friendship/Witness (Win/Build/Send):

- Christ in Our Neighborhood (CION): Dan met with Mary Harty-Hill, coordinator of the Ministry of Care (MOC) and is in communication with Joyce Coronel to give a presentation to MOC volunteers about the possibility of setting up and/or facilitating CION in group homes or assisted living residences.
- Coffee Shop a place for Engagement, Growth and Community Building: A parishioner approached Fr. Fred with questions and ideas regarding a specific use of the coffee shop to support community growth. Fr. Fred will meet with her and another interested parishioner in August. She will meet Fr. Fred with an initial plan for training and scheduling of volunteers, listing

of the products available on a consistent basis and other aspects necessary to start something going after Sunday Masses.

Finance Administration update:

- Campaign and Rectory Update: Fr. Fred tracked the budget as it related to areas of building the rectory, maintaining the interior and exterior of the church/hall/office (parapets repair and painting the building). We will cover the trenching in the parking lot by October.
- Clairvaux Legacy Society will put together an evening event “Clairvaux Legacy Night”, for those who want to remember St. Bernard’s by planning to provide a financial gift in a will. It will be an informative event on how to put a family plan together.

Other Items:

- While Lisa brought to mind some formerly suggested activities for community building at St. Bernard’s, it was decided that Lisa will form a committee to put together a parents’ night “Pizza and Putt” for parents with high school age and younger children. Some logistics to work out will be knowing how many people would attend and providing child care for those attending the event. The date proposed for this event is Friday, Sept. 26th.
- Fr. Fred will be away the month of July.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Fred ended the meeting with a prayer.

Upcoming Council Meetings: July- No meeting; August 18th ; the next September 15th

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison, recording secretary