St. Bernard Annual Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2021 @ 6:30pm   
St. Bernard Church

Present: Dan Barrington, Lori Keisic, Gary Delveaux, Karen & Tom Johnston, Terry Misfeldt, Ann Selk, Paul Selk, Pat Ellis, Steve Froelich, David Destrie, Mark Janis, Arnie & Marie Rank, Rita & Bob Last, Jan Hess, Janet Piontek, Gerry Piontek, Mike Aschinger, Todd Robinson, Kathy DeNoble

1. Call to Order Dan Barrington, Trustee
2. Opening Prayer Fr. Mark VanderSteeg, Pastor
3. Introduction of Parish Council Members Mike Aschinger
4. Approval of 2020 Minutes
5. Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (ending June 30, 2021)
   1. Stewardship: Boiler loan is last debt open. Increased contributions / estate planning ~600 burials since 2012.
   2. Bishop’s Appeal: 517 gifts = $127K. St. Bernard has largest number of Crozier Society members.
   3. Seminarian Collection: 2 men currently discerning from St. Bernard. $31K raised.
   4. Scrip: $50K raised. $450,000 down from last year but working back up since pandemic.
   5. GRACE: ~500 students. Deacon Art now teaching 8th grade. 15% of support comes from St. Bernard. Fr. Mark serves on Board of Consultors (no decisions).
6. Year to Date Financial Status (as of November 30, 2021)
   1. $110K PPE loan forgiveness completed.
   2. $112K ahead from where parish was a year ago / projected
   3. Specific Donations – Bishop Hall soft chairs
   4. Salaries / wages down $31K
      1. Grounds / Maintenance position open
7. Questions / Comments
   1. New Initiatives?
      1. One By One Campaign with diocese. Each parish 3-5 years commitment for contribution. 50/50 with diocese. Started a committee (Mission & Vision) 3 years ago with focus on Hospitality, Discipleship, Community, Fiscal Stewardship. Since COVID-19, rethinking approach. Hired liturgical and design consultant for potential sanctuary upgrades (“wood” aisle, “stone” altar, Baptismal font + ambo + altar). Bishop requested that choir be moved back – also add a handicap ramp to altar 🡺 both accomplished with moving piano and choir platform back. Shift Crucifix so above the altar itself. Replace Tabernacle with gold one as center. Re-introduce stained glass around the church (will also help with church security).
8. Approval of Annual Report, as published Terry Misfeldt
9. Closing Prayer Fr. Mark Vander Steeg
10. Adjourn Annual Meeting Dan Barrington

Respectfully submitted by Lori A Keisic