

**St. Bernard Parish Council Meeting**  
**1-31-17**

**Present:** Father Mark, Dean Bruning, Bob Boeckman, Curt Pietig, Kevin Koster, Norma Wessling and Cindy Masching.

Dean Bruning opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes from November were approved by Dean Bruning and seconded by Kevin Koster.

**Parish finances:** \$17,339.70 – Regular account  
\$15,388.89 – Special account  
\$51,965.48 – Cemetery account

**Financials:** Approved by Dean B. and seconded by Kevin K.

1. Kuemper news: \$25,000.00 was paid to Kuemper on 1-18-17. Balance owed is \$6,676.90. Motion was passed to pay this off in full by Dean B. and seconded by Bob B.
2. Fr. was able to sell a box of the “Mathew Kelly” books to Carroll, so what is left in the back of church is what is left.
3. End of year statements will go out this week to parishioners.
4. DAA goal for St. Bernard is short from goal. But will not have to pay into DAA as a parish.
5. Pastoral Planning: In March they will announce the priest’s moves and the retirement of two. Unsure of replacements at this time. They plan to train deacons and facilitators in March to assist with the changes that will be coming. There will be a meeting at Kuemper on Feb.9, 2017 to talk regarding strategic plans of Kuempers 5 year plan.
6. Parish functions: Fr. Mark recommends we continue fund raisers as we are to “keep business as usual”. Father stated the cemetery and Endowment

money stay with Breda, if the constitution reads that way. Kevin Koster will read the constitution and determine how that is written.

7. Discussion was made about the St. Bernard Telephone shares, the Wente Trust and the CD's. This was tabled for now and will discuss again next month. Cindy will get the council the documentation on all these accounts.
8. The Heisterkamp fence for the north side of the cemetery was discussed. We want to be sure that this is installed properly so it will be standing for many years. Dean has been in contact with Bob Heisterkamp.
9. Plumbing in the rectory needs some work. Two toilets are malfunctioning and floor drain in garage is not working. Cindy will contact Halbur Hardware to do this work.

Stone Chapel renovation and steeple repair will be discussed in the spring.

10. Defibrillator for church: Insurance rep. says it would be a good idea to have one in the church for emergencies.
11. Our office copier is 5+ years old and a new one is needed. Can lease one for less monthly than the old one. Fr. believes each parish will need their own copy machine, even down the road. Kevin motioned to approve and Curt seconded it.

Next Meeting will be Feb. 28, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Dean Bruning and seconded by Norma W.

Norma Wessling, secretary