

# The Parish Archives Record, 2006

St. Boniface in Sublimity, Oregon

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**Meetings** of the Archives committee are **Tuesday Morning at 10:00 in the Archives Room** in the Convent Building. No appointment is needed. We welcome guests or volunteers! Share your history. For more information go back to the Archives page or see the Sunday Church Bulletin. Thanks!

DECEMBER 18, 2006

Minutes for December 12, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:00 By: Carol Zolkoske

The committee discussed the idea of a recess of Archives Meetings during the Christmas Season. It was agreed upon that the meetings would be in recess until January 9th 2007.

The committee discussed the following goals for 2007:

- § Carol will begin making interviews with longtime parishioners. Along with the interviews, Carol will ask for pictures relating to the interviewees; the end product is planned to be in a Power Point type of format.
- § Henry will improve and expand the Archives information in the bulletin. It was suggested that perhaps a survey could be handed out asking parishioners for their Church and family history. Also along the same idea would be to ask for family histories that may already be written and maybe even on a website.
- § Vangie will continue to put Archival information into the computer. The committee agreed that 2 or 3 more people with computer skills to help out on this are needed.
- § Don will work on locating names of all the single pictures of graduates of St. Boniface High School.
- § Carol will attempt to get our website connected to the Oregon Historical Society's website.

This list is expected to grow as the year progresses.

Next meeting: January 9, 2007 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room

DECEMBER 11, 2006

The Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was a good one - Vangie was back from family calls and Don from elk hunting. Doris Owen, Rita Young, Francis Hendricks, and Henry Strobel (that's me) were there.

The fire alarm system is now installed throughout the convent building. We have been seriously considering expanding the archives room, although that would have to be an extensive self-help project. Another project upcoming may be to inventory and record the old liturgical vestments, etc. that are distributed in various places.

See you at the meeting tomorrow!

DECEMBER 4, 2006

Minutes for November 28, 2006 - 10:00AM to 11:00 By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Carol Zolkoske

Francis brought in and donated some history and photographs of the Pietrok family. His wife Fran was a Pietrok. Great pictures of first and second homesteads in Linn County before moving to Sublimity area.

Henry commented on the high quality and impact of the photograph display in the rectory hall.

Carol filed a copy of the program from the Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving service held at St. Boniface on November 19.

Next meeting: December 5, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room

NOVEMBER 28, 2006

The inter-faith Thanksgiving service printed program included a historical note on the connection of St. Boniface in Sublimity and St. Boniface himself in Germany about 1250 years ago.

Last Sunday the our Archives photograph display in the Parish Hall was changed from a weddings theme to a local farming one. Wonderful photos courtesy of Vangie and Carol!

NOVEMBER 27, 2006

Minutes for November 21, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30 By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Vera Boedigheimer, Francis Hendricks, and Carol Zolkoske

Henry requested that Carol look into getting coverage in a brochure that the Stayton/Sublimity Chamber of Commerce has a connection with. It comes out in the spring and covers many activities in the area. Carol brought copies to show the group. Discussion followed as to having the Parish dinner in it, the archives being open and perhaps a walk.

Carol said that now would be a good time to change the photographs in the Rectory dining hall because of the upcoming Sunday coffee and donuts and Father Paul's birthday. But because of Vangie being so busy because of her brother's illness, it might not be possible. Carol will call Vangie to see if she would be willing to take on this project. Next meeting: November 28, 2006 at 10:00 AM.

NOVEMBER 20, 2006

Minutes for November 14, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30 By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Rita Young, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Doris Owen and Carol Zolkoske

Henry received 3 DVD's from the Archdiocesan Historical Commission that were made during their workshops. The series is about preserving, protecting, and deciding what should be a part of the records etc. for archives. These DVD's will be loaned to anyone who has a use for them.

Francis donated a map of the boundaries of St. Boniface. It goes as far East as Mt. Jefferson

Henry said that Joe Spenner has been involved in the building of several churches in India. The archives committee is hoping to get photographs and stories of his missionary work in India.

Doris Owen and Rita Young donated their Susbauer family history to the Archives Committee. Their Grandfather was Joseph Susbauer and Grandmother Elizabeth Bany. Their Father was Adam Susbauer and Mother Rose Kintz. The history is from 1847 to 2006.

Carol said that she has made copies of the farm pictures from the album that Francis brought to our last meeting. The theme of our next display for the coffee and donuts will be "Old Sublimity and local agriculture throughout the last 125 years". Everyone is welcome.

Next meeting: November 21, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room

NOVEMBER 17, 2006

Henry Strobel attended the meeting of the Archdiocesan Historical Commission in Portland.

NOVEMBER 6, 2006

See you at the next meeting, tomorrow, Nov 7 at 10:00.

Wayne Silbernagel gave a cassette tape of the pre-Chicken dinner radio interview to the Archives - thanks! This is really worth listening to even if you caught it on the radio. Tim Bielenberg of the Dinner and Carol Zolkoske and Henry Strobel of the St. Boniface Archives were interviewed on the air by "Radio Ray" Pietz of KGAL in Albany OR. I have digitized this tape as an MP3 so it can be used on computers.

Henry and Susan Strobel attended the fall banquet of the Oregon Catholic Historical Society at Marylhurst University. The annual Laidlaw Lecture celebrated the opening of the huge new Sisters of the Holy Names Heritage Center (archives). The sisters and their college are deeply involved in Oregon history. The other agenda item was the presentation of the Bishop Leipzig Award to historians of the Catholic Church in the Pacific Northwest by the Portland Archdiocesan Historical Commission (Henry is a member) to Dr. James Strassmeier for his work in the Oregon Historical Society and in oral history collection, and to Sister Alberta Diecker OSB, a long time historian and educator and president for nine years of the OCHS.

OCTOBER 30, 2006

Minutes for October 24, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30 By: Carol Zolkoske

**Attendance:** Rita Young, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel and Carol Zolkoske

Carol, Vangie and Don put up the display of photos for the coffee and donuts on Sunday. Three panels were used. Vangie stayed after the 8AM Mass and people helped fill in some names and dates that were missing. This display will stay up through the next coffee and donuts and then will be changed. The new display will feature Sublimity and different types and ways of farming over the last 125 years. The committee will be looking for photos on these subjects.

Francis brought in a great photograph of Ditters' store in its early days with many people in the picture.

Vangie has archived the Sussbauer's story into the computer, as written by Doris Owen and Rita Young.

Henry said there should be more information on the website about the Germans from Russia. In particular photographs and small stories about their travels. So far the Etzels, Lambrechts, and Toepfers have been identified as Germans from Russia. The committee is still looking for other family connections.

Vangie is still busy putting all the archive information into the computer. The committee could really use some help in this area.

If anyone can help with photos of Sublimity farming in the early days, or with information on other families that have a connection with Germans from Russia, please contact the Archives committee. Email: Books@HenryStrobel.com or call one of the following numbers: Vangie at 503-769-5381, Francis-503-749-2858, Don-503-769-2391, Carol-503-769-5299.

**Next meeting:** *October 31, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room*

OCTOBER 25, 2006

At our last meeting the interesting question of parish boundaries came up. Francis Hendricks presented a statement of ours by the archdiocese (1994) as follows:

*Beginning at the SE corner of the parish which is the intersecting lines of Township 11S and Range 8E (at North Cinder Peak). Proceed west along Township 11S to Range 2E. Proceed north to the section line south of the line dividing Township 8S and Township 9S. Proceed west on the section line and Fern Ridge Road to Highway 22, continue northwest on Highway 22 and Aumsville Highway to Bishop Road, north on Bishop Road and its projection*

*to Beaver Creek, east on Beaver Creek to Sherman Road, north on Sherman Road and the section line extending it to State Street, east on State Street and Doerfler Road to Victor Point Road, east from Victor Point Road on the line dividing Township 7S and Township 8S. Proceed east to and along the Marion/Clackamas County Boundary line to the Wasco County line. Proceed south along the Marion County Boundary line with Wasco and Jefferson Counties to the intersecting lines of Township 11S and Range 8E (at North Cinder Peak) to the point of beginning.*

I was amazed to note that this includes an irregular area over 50 miles wide, including much of Marion and Linn counties, from near Salem to Mt. Jefferson! Researching this matter of parish boundaries I found, not surprisingly, that many Catholics are parish "shoppers." According to current Canon law (1983) it seems a Catholic is automatically a member of the parish in which he lives. However, he can attend any parish he wishes, and register as a member there with the pastor's permission, in which case that pastor accepts responsibility for his spiritual care.

Henry

OCTOBER 23, 2006

Minutes for October 17, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30

By: Carol Zolkoske

**Attendance:** Rita Young, Francis Hendricks, Doris Owen, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel and Carol Zolkoske

Doris and Rita shared stories and photographs about their family tree, the Susbauer's.

Henry shared an e-mail that was sent to Joe Spenner from Joan Toepfer Fredricks about her connection to the Spenner family. Her mother was Katie Spenner Toepfer her father was Ben Toepfer. Their picture appears a number of times in the Archives photographs as they were connected to the Toepfers, Spenners, Van Handels and others.

Carol talked about the workshop she attended at the All Saints Church in Portland that was sponsored by the Catholic Church Archives Committee in Portland. The subject was on saving and preserving – setting guidelines on what to save, what to keep, and how to preserve what is kept. Many subjects were covered in the workshop, which ran from 10AM to 3PM. A CD will be available for those not able to attend. While at the workshop, Carol spoke to a member of St. Thomas Church in Jefferson. Their 100 anniversary is coming up in 1908. The Church would like to do a celebration but have very little historic information.

The St. Boniface Archives Committee will help as much as possible locating information. If you have any information concerning St. Thomas Church in Jefferson please contact them. Their e-mail is [bettyabear@msn.com](mailto:bettyabear@msn.com) or their phone 541-327-1227. Her name is Beatriz Beary.

The Archives Committee located the following information in a booklet published by the Catholic Sentinel in May 1939.

"JEFFERSON – In 1908, the Reverend (now Monsignor) Arthur Lane, pastor at Albany Oregon, directed the construction of St. Thomas Church at Jefferson, Oregon. It was blessed in May 1909 by the Most Reverend Archbishop Christie. In 1928 it became a mission attached to St. Edward's Church, Lebanon, Oregon."

The Committee discussed the display which will feature wedding and anniversaries. This display will be showcased at the next two coffee and donuts. Vangie, Don and Carol will set up the display sometime before Sunday. Sticky notes will be available for people to add information.

**Next meeting:** *October 24, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room*

OCTOBER 19, 2006

The Financial Council decided to proceed immediately with the installation of a remote fire alarm for the

convent building.

At our Tuesday meeting Carol Zolkoske reported on the Archdiocesan Historical Commission's workshop in Portland on the preservation of parish historical artifacts.

Carol and Vangie are organizing an archives display at the Coffee & Donuts on Sunday.

OCTOBER 16, 2006

I will be attending the Financial Council meeting tomorrow evening re the fire alarm.

This interesting email just received:

My husband, Lanny L. Fredricks, was appointed postmaster of Sublimity in May of 1968 and was there until August of 1973. We then transferred to Redmond, where he was Postmaster until he retired in 1992. I am Joanne D (Toepfer) Fredricks, Daughter of Ben and Katherine (Spenner) Toepfer. Ben was the owner of the confectionary in the 30's. Katherine was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Spenner, (who built the small church and also, as I was told, built the current steeple on the existing church. current Joe Spenner, retired caretaker of Regis School is my first cousin. I'm sure he can verify all this for you. I have enjoyed your webpage a lot and hope to visit it again.

OCTOBER 9, 2006

Yesterday was the annual Chicken Dinner and another Open House for the St. Boniface Archives. There was substantial interest on the part of several more parish members in sharing family histories and artifacts. Volunteer members were on hand to help visitors from 11:00 to 3:00. A handout called "What's in the Parish Archives?" was produced by Vangie Ripp and Henry Strobel. This preliminary catalog of the Archives' holdings was printed in 300 copies and inserted into the 250 Sunday Bulletins, leaving 50 for distribution to visitors.

OCTOBER 2, 2006

This morning KGAL radio, 1580 AM broadcast an hour interview by "Radio" Ray Pietz of Tim Bielenberg, Carol Zolkoske, and Henry Strobel. It had been arranged by Carol Rambousek to cover the annual BBQ Chicken Dinner and the St. Boniface archives.

Minutes for September 26, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30 By: Carol Zolkoske

**Attendance:** Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Margaret Hendricks, Fred Ripp, Vangie Ripp, Vera Boedigheimer and Carol Zolkoske

Margaret looked over old photos and was able to identify her parents, grand parents and great grand parents plus other family members. The search is still on to identify unnamed people in photographs.

Vera donated a 1900 census of Stayton. Vera also has been busy putting mass cards on poster board that she and her mother have collected over the years.

Vangie has been busy cataloging items in the computer that have been donated.

Carol brought back the donation form to be filled out and given to those people making a donation.

Francis brought in many items that his sister gave him, such as photographs, obituary etc.

The Committee is very busy getting ready for the open house that will be held in conjunction with the Parish dinner on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

Minutes for September 19, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30 By: Carol Zolkoske

**Attendance:** Henry Strobel, Vera Boedigheimer, Vangie Ripp, and Carol Zolkoske

Carol presented three different versions of a gift agreement document for the Board to select. Gary Zolkoske designed them. The group selected one and copies will be made so that when someone donates to the archives it can be properly documented. Vangie has been very busy cataloging into the computer the many items that have already been donated. Vera donated a number of copies of early censuses, one as early as 1850 from Sublimity. Others are from 1890 in Stayton. Plans are still in the works about photographs etc. that will be shown at the open house October 8 in conjunction with the annual St. Boniface chicken dinner.

**Next meeting:** *September 26, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room*

SEPTEMBER 22, 2006

Henry Strobel attended the Archdiocesan Historical Commission Meeting on September 15. The winner of the Bishop Leipzig Award was selected from those nominated earlier. The award will be presented at the Fall Banquet of the Oregon Catholic Historical Society in October. There was further planning for the parish archives workshop to be held October 14 at All Saints Church in Portland. Carol Zolkoske has registered to attend.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

Carol Rambousek is arranging a radio interview for archives' representatives in October. Details will follow. Henry Strobel will attend the Archdiocesan Historical Commission Meeting in Portland 9-15-06.

Vangie Ripp and Henry met to finalize a "What's in the Archives?" guide document, which will be available to visitors.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

Minutes for September 5, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30

By: Carol Zolkoske

**Attendance:** Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Vera Boedigheimer, Vangie Ripp, Rita Young, and Carol Zolkoske

The committee looked over the un-named pictures again. It was suggested that the pictures be put out at the open house in conjunction with the Parish dinner October 8. Small sticky notes will be provided so people can add names.

Gary and Carol will design a logo to be used on the donation forms that are needed when someone makes a donation to the Archives.

Vera read from a book by her cousin Michael Merzenich called "Childhood in the Sticks", an Oregon country story". The book was self-published in 1999 as reminiscence of his life and of a childhood growing up in the Sweet home, Lebanon and Albany area. The book also includes stories about his family in the Sublimity area.

Henry reminded us again of the importance of keeping good records of every thing in the Archives room. Henry and Carol will attend a program by the Archdiocesan Historical Commission. The workshop is called "Storing Your Parish History - a workshop for Archivists and Historians". It will be held on October 14 in Portland.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

Minutes for August 22, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske.

**Attendance:** Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Vera Boedigheimer, Vangie Ripp, and Carol Zolkoske

Carol brought in her book of the Toepfer family history to share and a photograph of the Toepfer family in 1917 complete with names. This was one of the pictures that Henry was given that had no names. Carol is still working on another picture without names. She has found out it was a Spenner wedding -

date unknown. She talked to someone who has the same picture with names.

Vera donated a large Rosary made of olive wood she purchased in Jerusalem and blessed by Pope John in 1978. It will be put in the display case.

Vera also donated a photograph of Father Albrecht of Jordan laying in state and a photograph of his grave marker. Vera has also heard from a distant relative of hers from the Hassler side looking for family history. Vera has a large collection of Boedigheimer information and family history that she has assembled into book form. Plans are being made to let the Archives committee make a copy of it.

The Archives committee decided to have the Archives room open during the Parrish dinner. Carol will see that this information gets to the Stayton Mail and the Catholic Sentinel.

**Next meeting:** *September 5, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room*

SEPTEMBER 2, 2006

The Annual Parish Dinner will be Sunday, October 8. "Coincidentally" we will have another Open House at the Archives from 11:00 to 3:00. We are hoping to have an introductory printed listing of the archives available then for those interested .

Another thing to put on the planning calendar is the Archdiocesan Historical Commission's workshop on parish archives, especially artifacts on October 14, 2006 in Portland. Some of us will be attending.

Incidental insight, an email just received -"

I am very impressed with your web site. I am originally from Sublimity. Currently living in Northern California. I am very interested in a poster size photo of the scenic view of Sublimity. How could I get one

of those. I'd feel so at home with it here in my house. I am desperate for some scenic views of Sublimity.

I

used to live down Coon Hollow Rd. Went to Stayton and graduated in 86. Thanks."

It might be that others would be interested in such "publications" from our archives.

AUGUST 26, 2006

Guests were Fr. Paul, Kim Zuber, Terry Hendricks, and a representative of a local security monitoring firm. Besides the facilities review, most of the time was spent in "housekeeping" activities.

AUGUST 20, 2006

Minutes for August 15, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30 By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Vera Boedigheimer, Ralph Lulay, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, and Carol Zolkoske

Vera donated two large pictures in gold frames of the Sacred Heart and the Virgin Mary. They were given to her and her late husband Red as a wedding gift. Vera also donated some books. One was her catechism book from her 1st grade class at St. Boniface. Another was a history of the town of St. Henry, Ohio.

Henry brought eighty prints of photographs that are on the web site for identification. Members of the committee were successful with a good number of them.

Next meeting: August 22, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room

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AUGUST 13, 2006

Minutes for August 8, 2006 - 10:00AM to 11:30

By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Vera Boedigheimer, and Carol Zolkoske

Francis donated a . . . (see August 8 below).

Vera donated 8 annuals from St. Boniface High School starting in 1941. The High School was opened in 1940.

Don said he is attempting to put names on all the High School senior pictures that were found in a box. He is using his many annuals.

Carol reported that she is still working on small biographies of the names written on the stained glass windows in church. So far, Barbara Trimbor and Philip Ditter are completed. Next will be Bruno Boedigheimer. Vera said that she could help put his bio together, as she has done extensive research on the Boedigheimer family. Eventually these will be on the web site.

Carol also said she had a telephone call from Lois Ann Koff in Ohio about the republishing of a book Lois Ann wrote in 1984 called "Faith, Joy and Tears". This is a book about the Klinshirn family and their migration to Ohio from Bavaria in the 1840's. This family later included the Susbauer's, Kleckers, and Ditters. Carol told Lois Ann that she would put a flyer in church and a notice in the bulletin. The committee thought it would be a good book for the archives room.

The committee then talked about the archives room open house held in conjunction with the Parish picnic last Sunday. About 40 people signed the guest book. Every one seemed to enjoy seeing the room and Vera said she heard some very good comments. The committee spent time discussing some possible future plans as the room which seemed more than ample just six months ago now has very little wall space etc. left

Next meeting: August 15, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room

#### AUGUST 8, 2006

Last Sunday St. Boniface Archives held its first Open House. We chose this date to coincide with the parish picnic in the adjacent park. Armed with a spiffed-up facility and a new guest book it was an unqualified success. The new guest book had only forty entries, but I guess there were closer to a hundred visitors, as many were families and many simply overlooked the guest book. Some were not associated with the picnic, and some were from out of town. For example, I met historian Dr. Robert J. Kovarik, GCTJ, emeritus grand historian of the Knights Templar and former member of the Archdiocesan Historical Commission.

A number of visitors expressed an interest in contributing historical items. We will be better cataloging our acquisitions and holdings in the future. Volunteers are very welcome to help. We also do not want to overlook credit to those who leave things with us for safekeeping and posterity. The fine old vestments and period massive brass kerosene burning sanctuary lamp are examples. We are expecting to receive several more family histories soon.

Only yesterday Francis and Fran Hendricks gave us a beautiful Latin ordinary of the Mass in a massive gilt frame that had been used on the altar of St. Patrick's in Lyons. Vera Boedigheimer gave two large old pictures in excellent condition and wonderful frames of Christ and Mary as well as additional documents on the Jordan beginnings.

At our meeting yesterday we wrestled with future considerations of more space, elderly and wheelchair access, and the urgent need for smoke detection, remote alarm, and a fire extinguisher. This is a concern for the whole building in fact and was brought to the attention of the financial council in March. These are general issues for the parish, over and beyond the purview of the archives committee. But if the building were lost to fire, insurance could not replace the archives and the memories entrusted to us!

We will have more photos and information on the "New - Parish Archives" web page. Also see there the "Open House" flier with thanks to our cheerful "staff" and all who helped.

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#### JULY 25, 2006

No official minutes today. Both of our co-chairpersons, Vangie and Carol, are out of state on vacation, and I for one, will be glad to see them back! But we had a productive meeting yesterday.



Vera Boedigheimer donated venetian blinds for the four south windows. Ralph Lulay assisted by Don Porter installed display panels, so we have a display space about 30 ft. long for historical photos, etc.

Ray Heuberger donated a fascinating antique harness stitching bench. Used by Jim Ripp, ancestor of Fred on our committee, it is a design related to the "schnitzelbank" (carver's bench) used by European woodcarvers to hold the workpiece with a foot-operated vise.

A recently donated massive brass period sanctuary lamp was hung for display. One of our pressing needs is to label artifacts and documents and record donor information etc. for all these fine acquisitions, both for historical archival purposes and display. We do have a great start, as you'll see at the open house.

So please, anyone who has clerical skills or historical interests or knowledge or just the inclination to help in a congenial and worthwhile project, please contact us. You'll enjoy it too. Thanks!

And please let us know if you have things (papers, histories, photos, things) to give or lend.

Henry

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JULY 18, 2006

We had another working meeting. The archives room is shaping up nicely for the open house. Carol's minutes will appear here shortly and provide details.

Meanwhile here's a nice email just received from Elizabeth (Beitel) DeAngelis. Our archives page now has a link to her family history site. Check it out!

"Hello, Henry,

. . . In the meantime, we've added a page with an old postcard of Sublimity. The link <http://www.calypphoto.com/sublimity.html> will take you directly to the page with the old postcard. I believe it is different than the photos you have. We also have several other school photos from St. Boniface, some of which you have, some you don't. One of these days we will get those up, too. If you could do a back link to us, we would really appreciate it.

I had written myself a note on the photos that you have that I could help with, but at the moment I can't find it. I know there is one school photo listed as 1913. I will have to recheck which number it is. My Dad is in that picture, and he didn't come till 1915, so I can help you get closer to the correct date. As for img044, would it be easier if I gave you the names of all the individuals, or if we posted it with the names?

Again, sorry to be so slow, but these things kind of happen in the spare moments. Hope your summer is going well. Oh, by the way, I do remember you. You and your family sat near Dad, John & myself in St. Boniface when you first moved to the area. I don't remember when your family came to St Boniface, but I got married in 1991 and moved to Corvallis.

Thanks! Elizabeth"

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JULY 16, 2006

Minutes for July 11, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30 By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Ralph Lulay, Joe Spenner, Don Porter and Carol Zolkoske

Henry reported that Ray Heuberger donated an oil painting by Margaret Susbauer. Ray said it was a painting based on an old sublimity photograph. It is called the Sublimity Well.

Henry also reported that he spent time last week looking over and getting copies at the rectory office of

the records of the St. Boniface Cemetery.

Henry suggested, and the committee agreed that the archives room should be open during the parish picnic August 6th. The Room will open at noon. Carol and Joe will be hosts.

Henry has put many interesting photographs and information about St. Boniface and Sublimity in the computer. These computer programs will run throughout the day and Henry will loan the committee his large monitor for the occasion.

Don reported that he located the very photograph that Jo Hallam brought to the archives committee meeting last month. It is a photo of a house that was thought to have been in Sublimity and lived in by the Downing family. Some of Jo's long ago family was Downings. Don found the photo in the "Mt. Hope Cemetery Book". The book was printed by Capital Press Printing and the Oregon State Library. Don reported the house burned down a long time ago and was apparently in the vicinity of the intersection of Silverton-Sublimity Highway and Silver Falls Road. The Downings predate Catholic history in the area they have deep roots and a connection to Sublimity.

Don also showed the group vestments etc. that Pam Kingsly donated to the archives room. The vestments were found when Pam was going through her late mother's home. Their connection and history is unknown but they are extremely helpful showcasing the richness and beauty of a gone era.

Joe reported that he is still working out details for the work party/picnic to be held at the Hopson-Whitney cemetery.

The rest of the meeting consisted of the committee hanging pictures, putting items in the display case including the vestments, rearranging the room to accommodate another panel for photographs and generally getting prepared for the open house.

Next meeting: July 18, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room

JULY 11, 2006

Several of you responded very favorably to the idea of an Archives Open House along with the picnic in the park. Among them: Jo Hallam, picnic manager; Fr. Paul; Kim; Ray Heuberger, etc.

Our "staff" and other volunteers are quite busily and cordially preparing. Watch this space!

JULY 6, 2006

You probably noticed in the Sunday Bulletin that there is St. Boniface picnic in the park, adjacent to the convent, on August 6, Sunday noon. It immediately seemed to me like a good opportunity to have a little "open house" at our new archives room in the adjacent building. What do you think?

We'd have to take some time to get things more presentable, and some of us would have to take turns as "guides." We still need to select some items to fill the display case, label some things, and I'll bring a large monitor for slide shows, etc.

What do you think? Reply to this email or phone 503 749-1742 or Carol Zolkoske 503 769-5299

JUNE 30, 2006

**There is no meeting on July 4!**

We have our new display case now, thanks to the cabinetmaking skills of Ralph Lulay. Thanks also to

Matt Rauch - Sublimity Building Supply for donating the wood! See the photo on the New - Parish Archives page you just came from.

Take a look at today's **Our Town** for July 2006. See Raven O'Keefe's *Portraits of Our Town* on page 21. This was occasioned by the Joseph Ripp story in the History of Sublimity on our web page.

Minutes for June 27, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30

By: Carol Zolkoske

**Attendance:** Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Ralph Lulay, Joe Spenner, Carol Zolkoske

Ralph brought the display case he made and the committee carried it to the archives room. Ralph said that the manager of Sublimity Building Supply Matt Rauch was very helpful and also donated the wood to make the display case. The committee is deciding which items should be displayed in this lovely new case.

The committee also moved the display boards from the dining room in the rectory basement to the archives room.

At a later date the committee will rearrange the room to accommodate the display boards. Francis brought in and donated records found on the web site of Hobson-Whitney Cemetery. Joe said that he is preparing to have a work party/picnic at the cemetery and will keep the committee posted.

Henry said that he has looked at the very old and fragile burial records book from 1879 at the rectory office that included the signature of Archbishop Christy. He has also looked at the more recent St. Boniface Cemetery records in preparation of the cemetery booklet.

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June 26, 2006

Minutes for June 20, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30

By: Carol Zolkoske

**Attendance:** Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Ralph Lulay, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Jo Hallam

Ralph reported that he is working on the display case which will sit in the center of the archives room. The design appears to be coming along nicely. It will be 4 ft. x 8 ft. and approximately 6 inches high and will sit on an available table. The whole top will be covered with Plexiglas. Ralph reported that Sublimity Building Supply has been very helpful. Henry noted that when the display case is finished and other items are added to the archives room, an open house could be planned.

Henry also said that the committee needs to make a list of needed items (a wish list) such as a large flat screen monitor for the computer etc. in case some funds come our way.

Jo Hallam brought a short story about the Hobson-Whitney cemetery. Henry scanned it into the computer. Jo also showed a photograph of a house that his cousin of his said was in Sublimity. Both his cousin and he are descendants of the Downings; however Jo said he does not know his relationship to the Sublimity Downings. No one recognized the photo. It appeared to be from the 1880's. Henry scanned the photo as well.

Henry said that one of the goals of the archive committee should be to put together a booklet on the St. Boniface Cemetery. Carol said that it would be a good idea to include as many obituaries as possible.

Don brought in a copy of the book "Conquering the Wind" by Amy Brungardt Toepfer and Agnes Dreiling. It covers the history of the Germans from Russia and in Kansas. Known Germans from Russia who migrated to Kansas then on to Oregon so far are the Toepfers, Lambrechts, and Etzels.

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JUNE 25, 2006

Dear Fr. Paul and all,

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS CHANGING! You will still get email reports for a while, but they will contain only recent information to keep from being so long. You can ALWAYS simply go to [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net) and click on "New - Parish Archives" and read the current and complete Archives Reports. This will eventually become the normal arrangement - it's more efficient and will not fill your inbox with repetitive mail.

Our next meeting is Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the Archives Room in the "convent" building. We expect to have the new display case made by Ralph Lulay installed.

Joe Spenner, who is continuing to research the Hobson-Whitney cemetery, suggested we might want to have a potluck picnic there as a field trip. It's a wonderful hilltop setting. I think we might also want to go by the Greer/Stayton Pioneer cemetery (where Drury S. Stayton is buried) while we're at it. What do you think?

Last meeting Don Porter had a fascinating presentation of how various Sublimity pioneers came here from Germany via Russia via Kansas! Watch for Carol's minutes for details.

See you Tuesday!

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JUNE 19, 2006

Minutes for June 13, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30

By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Ralph Lulay, Don Porter, Vangie Ripp, Vera Boedigheimer, Carol Zolkoske

Frances Hendricks donated the history of the early descendents of Blasius Hottinger Sr. 1572, John Joseph Trimbor 1820 and Peter Rosser 1780.

Barbara Bourgois Trimbor whose daughters were Mary Trimbor Ditter and Catherine Anna Trimbor Ditter was born July 2, 1827 in Alsace-Lorraine France/Germany and died August 12, 1902. Barbara came to Sublimity Oregon with her daughters Mary and Catherine and their families in about 1890. She is buried at St. Boniface cemetery Sublimity Oregon. The last stained glass window at the back of the church (west side) contains the name Barbara Trimbor.

Henry and Ralph are designing a 4 ft. x 8 ft. display case that will sit on a table. They have been to Sublimity Building Supply to check out materials needed.

It was reported that Jo Hallam has an old picture of a house in Sublimity that he would like identified. He will bring it to an archives committee at a later date.

Next meeting: June 20, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room

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About our cemeteries -

We would like to compile better information about the hilltop Hobson-Whitney pioneer cemetery east of town, especially about the eastern section of it where parish members are buried.

We would also like to make available a map of the St. Boniface Church cemetery, perhaps with some family history notes. It seems this would be interesting to many. (I might end up there myself :-)) I assume that the parish records could be used as the source for this. (Fr. Paul/Kim?)

Henry Strobel

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JUNE 13, 2006

Minutes for June 6, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30

By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Ralph Lulay, Don Porter, Vangie Ripp, Vera Boedigheimer, Carol Zolkoske

Don Porter Showed pictures of Nicktown, (PA, where Porters, Lulays, and Dumans came from) including the church. Also included was a photograph of a home that some members of the Duman's still own.

Frances Hendricks donated a family history of the Peter Ditter family from 1654. After investigation it was found that Barbara Bourgois Trimbor whose picture is on page 25 of the "Let Us Remember" book was the mother of Catherine Anna Trimbor who married John Adam Ditter in 1877. Barbara Bourgeois Trimbor was also the mother of Mary Trimbor who married Phillip John Ditter in 1871. Sisters Catherine and Mary Trimbor married John Adam and Phillip John Ditter who were brothers.

The last stained glass window at the back of the church (west side) contains the name Barbara Trimbor. Questions remain. Did Barbara Trimbor ever make it to Sublimity or did she stay behind in Wisconsin? More on the Ditter's and Trimbor's later.

Henry has purchased and donated two dozen label holders to the archives room. Henry said that 3 of the panels that contain photographs and located in the downstairs room in the rectory should be moved to the archives room. They would fit nicely against the north wall under the windows.

Ralph and Henry are looking into a simple display case that would sit in the center of the archives room. It would be 4 feet x 8 feet. The top would have a Plexiglas cover.

Carol said that Father Dernbach has indicated an interest in seeing the archive room while he is here. Friday might be a good day. Carol will call him on the 16th to see if he is available.

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Here's an older example of far ranging interest in St. Boniface and Sublimity. I'm sure the writer will not mind being quoted here, and I have added him to the mailing list. There are others I could mention - and perhaps will -

Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004

From: clontarf9@qwest.net

To: webmaster@saintboniface.net

Henry:

It was a pleasant surprise to find so much historical information and photos of Sublimity, Oregon. My Great Grandfather, Adolf Riesterer, born 7/27/1832 in Grunern Umt Staufen, Germany, immigrated to Sublimity Oregon sometime in the early 1900s. He died in Sublimity on 12/31/1912 and was buried in St. Boniface Cemetery. The third glass stained window, right side, of St. Boniface Church was dedicated to my Great Grandfather, Ernest Becker, who was also Sublimity's first postman.

My mother, Helen Riesterer-Becker, was born and raised in Sublimity. Anyone that is a Riesterer and living in or near Sublimity are my kinsman. One of your historical photos reflect my Uncles Ernie and Bill Riesterer as volunteer fire fighters for the Sublimity Fire Department. The basket of Evergreen berries and their origin are attributed to my Great Uncle, Phil Steffes.

Please pass on to the graduating alumni of St. Boniface High School, Class of 1954, that one of their classmates, my cousin, Richard Minden passed away in Roseville, California on 2/22/04. His was my big brother, a mentor, a fishing partner and an all around great guy. We miss him.

Best Regards,  
T.M. McCann-Riesterer  
Tucson, Arizona

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Ralph Lulay and I have completed design and cost information for the display case he is building for the archives room (labor donated).

This whole program is made possible by the generosity of members and others. We have been given or donated a computer, scanner, printer, office furniture, and \$200 worth of acid-free archival storage

containers. We need a 19" LCD display for multimedia historical presentations. We will be asking the parish financial council for an initial grant of about \$500 (or a private donation) to cover some of these additional costs. We still need to resolve the smoke detector issue.

The computer has been set up for record keeping and making copies of documents or CDs. But it is also set up so a visitor can simply click an icon to hear, for example, the oral history interview of Genevieve Hendricks, the 100th Anniversary Mass, or Bishop Powers' closing remarks from it. Or to see slide shows of historical photos, Sublimity history web pages, etc. (on our current dim monitor;-)

Our chairpersons, Vangie Ripp and Carol Zolkoske continue to provide inspiration, energy and leadership.

Yours truly,  
Henry Strobel

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JUNE 5, 2006

First, Carol's Minutes, and then a couple if other items:

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Minutes for May 30, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30  
By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Ralph Lulay, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske  
Joe Spenner, and Vangie Ripp

Joe Spenner read an email from Addie Rickey that contained information about the Hobson-Whitney cemetery. The Archives Committee will keep a file on the Hobson-Whitney cemetery.

Vangie will look into a computer program that would work the best for the archives record keeping.

Carol returned the top section of the old votive candle holder cleaned and repaired. Vangie said perhaps this candle holder is seen at the right hand side in the front of the church in a first communion photograph taken in 1955. We are still looking for more information on it.  
Next meeting: Tuesday June 6, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room

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Other items:  
Label holders have been ordered for our archival storage file containers.

Ralph Lulay and I met today to discuss the design of an inexpensive glass/lexan covered display case. We can fabricate this ourselves to get another area started without a large outlay. We have accomplished a lot already with active, energetic, and generous members! THANK YOU.

Important Memo: One item that we can't do ourselves is the installation of a smoke detector(s) with a central alarm, as discussed with the financial council some time back.

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JUNE 2, 2006

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Dear Fr. Art (in lieu of Fr. Paul in India) and all,

Sunday June 4 is our celebration of St. Boniface with coffee & donuts after Masses. Also we have displayed some of the old pictures in the dining room as a reminder of the actively ongoing Parish Archives project.

I have added Linda Duman, my colleague on the Archdiocesan Historical Commission to our mailing list

above. Her family is also closely associated with early Sublimity. Thanks for listening, Linda.

Joe Spenner brought a letter re the Sublimity Hobson-Whitney cemetery, which I have copied here. Note that this cemetery is usually not thought of as Catholic, but apparently the eastern portion was, and parish members were buried there too. (The first photo in the History of Sublimity on our website [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net) was taken from this hilltop cemetery east of Sublimity.)

I met this morning with Vangie Ripp and we worked out a number of things dealing with cataloging and asset listing, the new display case for our "museum," computer use, etc. More on this at the next regular meeting - TUESDAY 10:00 in the Archives room in the convent. See you there!

Hobson-Whitney letter quoted -

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Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2006 2:19 PM  
Subject: Hobson-Whitney Cemetery-2nd edition  
Hi Joe Spenner,

Thanks for getting in touch. I am so happy to hear that you are interested in old cemeteries especially the Hobson-Whitney cemetery in Sublimity. I talked to Tracey Saucy after you and I talked this morning and she has a website up on the web for HOBSON-WHITNEY CEMETERY on her Marion County Cemetery weblist. It uses much of what I told you would be at Marion County Historical Society. You can go to: <http://marioncoyntyccemetery.com> ....and take a look at her coverage.

Click on the Hobson-Whitney Cemetery and you can then get some of the history and source information that was used for documentation and look at the individual burials. Tracey was over-joyed to hear that you might be willing to head up a clean-up process there and looks forward to working with you on the cemetery information processes. You can contact her at:

[T.Saucy@comcast.net](mailto:T.Saucy@comcast.net)

You probably will hear other stories that should be recorded and she would be willing to add (or correct) any of the information that pertains to the individuals or history of the cemetery. Be sure to take a notebook for people to write in their comments and suggestions. The references to the deeds still need to be found and added to the website and she is hoping that cemetery ownership will be one of the things that you might be willing to look for. The Marion County Surveyors office on Silverton Road will be one of the first places to start looking.

The Oregon State Library has a map collection and a part of the Metsker Maps could be used for Range and Township Location information. Ferne Hellie [fhellie@comcast.net](mailto:fhellie@comcast.net) volunteers there on Thursday mornings and can help you look up stories and obituaries from old newspapers on microfilm.

The County offices for the Deed Search will be another project and may have to be done at the downtown location unless the office on Silverton Road has access to the deeds that may have been committed to digital format for the time period needed. Otherwise the indexes and microfilms of the deeds will need to be searched.

A plat map of the burials is one of the other projects that needs doing and Tracey has a very rough sketch that she worked out when she and her husband, Paul, first started the project. It should be put into a measured mapping format and filed with the county, if possible. Do you know any surveyor or map maker types who might be willing to help?

Tracey also mentioned that Chemeketa is doing a VAN TOUR of the eastern part of the county and she and her husband are on the waiting list to go on it. They will be looking at historic sites, like GEER CREST (farm), cemeteries (list not available), old mills, churches, etc.

The State of Oregon has a state-wide group called Oregon Historic Cemetery Commission and Mirra Meyer is the person currently at the helm. They meet several times a year, do workshops, and provide some information on operations, etc. She can add your name and information to the Email list. Her contact information is: [mirra.meyer@state.or.us](mailto:mirra.meyer@state.or.us) They are also a grant funding resource, so you may want to be aware of what types of projects are funded and how to apply for the grants.

The fellow who helped with the clean-up that I was trying to remember his name .... is: GEORGE SUSBAUER.

Hope that this is of some help and will see you at the Marion County Historical Society at 10 AM tomorrow.

Addie

To all of you

Sorry I gave you the wrong email!!! I finally have the right email for Joe Spenner of Coon Hollow Road in Stayton / Sublimity area:

spenjoe@wvi.com

He is very interested in the history of the cemetery and the area and hopes to get the local community interested in doing clean-up. His family came in the 1890's and the name is still there on Spenner Road.  
Addie Rickey

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MAY 27, 2006

I wrote to thank Fr. Paul and Kim for providing the weekly space in the bulletin and thought we should take better advantage of it by rewriting it from time to time, and suggested wording along this line, which already appears this week -

"St. Boniface Archives operates under the guidance of the Archdiocesan Historical Commission. We are working to preserve and showcase the long, fascinating history of our parish in a library-museum. Get involved, share what you know, or help however you can. Come to the Tuesday meetings at 10 am in the Archives Room in the Convent, or call Vangie Ripp at 503-769-5381 or Carol Zolkoske 503-769-5299. You can participate at other times too! To learn more go to [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net) and click on "Parish Archives" or "History of Sublimity." We'll be glad to send you our weekly email report."

The word is getting out, and Carrie Adams, Sublimity City Recorder likes the Archives page of our website and some of it will be sent out as a feature article with the water bills!

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Sarah Purdy has been looking up some history of re the those early Sublimity settlers from Pennsylvania. She mailed this to many of you but I',repeating a bit of it here:

"Hi everyone,

I had some time today to look up information on Nicktown, PA. If you already know all this just disregard it, but I found it interesting. Nicktown is located in Cambria County, and near it the Duman Lake County Park is located. A good website I found is:

<http://www.epodunk.com/cgi-bin/genealogyInfo.php?locIndex=14562>

There are also a few books on the history of the area:

History of Cambria County, Pennsylvania. Gable, John E.. Topeka. Historical Pub. Co.. 1926.

Illustrated historical combination atlas of Cambria County, Pennsylvania. Evansville, Ind.. Unigraphic. 1975.

I will try to check these out at the OSU through interlibrary loan. I will let you know if I can get a hold of these books.

Cemeteries in the area are: Bethesda Cemetery, Indiana County, PA; Grass Hill Cemetery, Cambria County, PA; McDowell Cemetery, Indiana County, PA; Mount Carmel Cemetery, Cambria County, PA; Mount Hermon Cemetery, Cambria County, PA; Mount Zion Cemetery, Indiana County, PA; Nebo Cemetery, Indiana County, PA; Saint Mary's Ukrainian Cemetery, Cambria County, PA; Saint Marys Cemetery, Cambria County, PA; Saint Patrick's Cemetery, Cambria County, PA

I also found a picture of a school in Nicktown in 1902, with Nicholas Lulay in it. The picture is at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~pacambri/photos/p058.html>

I have also attached the picture. Nicholas Lulay is in the second row at the far right.

I will keep looking for more info. I hope this helps."

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And here are Carol's Minutes from the last meeting -

May 27, 2006. Minutes for May 23, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30

By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Vera Boedigheimer, Ralph Lulay, Don Porter, and Carol



Zolkoske

Henry spoke of the importance of sticking to an agenda. Perhaps we could have a short meeting and then spend time chatting about the past. He also said that Vangie could use some help in categorizing the items already collected. Carol volunteered to help but additional help will be needed.

Don brought another photo album of old miscellaneous pictures and shared them with the committee. There are still items in the large downstairs room that need to be moved elsewhere. These items are too large or take up too much space. These items will be moved to what is called the furnace room. They are the many poles of various lengths that were used in processions. Some have crosses etc. on top. We will let Father know of these items; perhaps for future use. Also a very old votive candle holder will be stored there as well. It is unclear where it came from as no one remembers it. If it was ever in the Church, we have not come across any pictures that show it there. Carol will take it home and clean the top part and see that it is repaired. Also to be moved are the metal grave markers; some with names of the deceased on them.

Carol Zolkoske

Next meeting: May 30, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room

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MAY 22, 2006

Here are Carol's minutes for the last two meetings. Thanks, Carol -

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Minutes for May 16, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30

By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Ralph Lulay, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Vera Boedigheimer, Don Porter, Greg Etzel, Joe Spenner, Carol Zolkoske

The donated pictures mostly from the Rauscher family were hung.

Don showed a copy of a book written by his cousin Darlene Phillips Wade on the cemeteries of the local area. The book does not contain Catholic cemeteries.

Don also talked about Nicktown Pennsylvania. He said that many families in and around Stayton/Sublimity came from Nicktown. The ones he is aware of are: Lulay (1907), Frank (1905) Duman (1903) Parrish (1903) Kirsch (1903) Kline (date unknown). If anybody knows of others, the committee would like to know. Nicktown is about 100 miles east of Pittsburgh Pa. and was primarily a coal mining and steel mining town. Don reported that many of his relatives from there had Black Lung disease, which is found among coal miners. Carol has looked on the Internet for historical information on Nicktown with little success. If anyone can help with some research on Nicktown, it would be appreciated.

Vangie discussed various ways the committee could archive the growing collection.

Next meeting: May 23, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room

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Minutes for May 9, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30

By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Vera Boedigheimer, Don Porter, Greg Etzel, Joe Spenner, Carol Zolkoske

New Member: Greg Etzel. Greg was raised in the Jefferson and Salem area and is now living in the Stayton/Sublimity area. Greg's fathers name was Lawrence Etzel. His grandfather was Joe Etzel and his great grand parents were George Sr. and Agnes Etzel. See page 30 of the Let Us Remember book. Greg showed albums etc. of his family. He is anxious to learn more about his family ties to this area. The committee brought the file cabinets into the archives room.

Joe reported that he thinks that the East half of the Whitney-Hobson cemetery is Catholic.

Next meeting: May 16, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room

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MAY 15 ,2006

The regularly scheduled meeting is TOMORROW at 10:00AM in the Archives. We plan to hang pictures and further organize. The last meeting was rather informal, but productive and pleasant. By the way, I have two items to tell:

1. I went to the quarterly meeting of the Archdiocesan Historical Commission Friday.. Lots of progress on the Bishop Leipzig Award program and planning for the workshop on preserving artifacts in the fall.

2. As a result of our St. Boniface website I had interesting emails from a church in Chile. The architect is the man who designed the Eiffel tower. The high altar was mistakenly removed post Vatican II. The church is now a historical monument, and they want to replace the altar. They have picked our altar in Sublimity as a model. Jim Liesch and I have provided photos to them. Here's a description -

"The church was declared a National Monument in 1977. It is located in Guayacán, in the Bay of la Herradura. It belonged to the Urmeneta family, who lived in the town of Guayacán in the 19th Century. Its entirely metal structure was erected in 1889 by a Belgian company.

Until the latter part of the 19th Century this church was the urban center of the population who worked in the copper industry, belonging to the Urmeneta Errázuriz family. This foundry no longer exists and its church, now a chapel, is evidence of this type of metal architecture of the time.

The church was built by Alejandro Eiffel and bought in Belgium in 1888. Both the interior and exterior are covered with sheets of zinc metal."

Here's a reply that I received:

"Thanks for the shipment of the photographs of excellent quality. Your Church is very beautiful. They offer a very pretty altarpiece to us in the U.S.A., the cost is USD \$ 35.000.00. Say so that we are able economic aid to be able to buy it, we are a poor town and we did not count with that money. Sincerely in Jesus and Maria, R. Taborga."

Henry Strobel

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MAY 7, 2006

Minutes for May 2, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30

By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Vangie Ripp, Ralph Lulay, Francis Hendricks, Vera Boedigheimer, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske

A good Samaritan - Terry? - moved the desk and file cabinet down the stairs and the desk was moved to the archives room (AR). The file cabinet is still in the hall ready to be moved into the AR as well.

Francis and Ralph will work on ways to hang the many donated pictures.

Henry and Vangie have been busy sorting through donated boxes of archival items. They are organizing and putting items on the bookshelves.

Vangie donated sheet protectors and acid free paper etc.

Henry suggested the round votive candleholder be cleaned up and moved into the AR.

Carol spoke about the oral history workshop she and Henry attended in Corvallis on April 29. The presentation was given by Jim Strassmaier and sponsored by the Archdiocese of Portland. The workshop was very informative and helpful in doing oral histories. It also covered technical and preservation issues. Handouts were given and there is a copy in the AR. Sarah Purdy e-mailed the committee a copy of questions that she and Carol put together to help with the oral history project. She also included a paragraph she wrote explaining the goals. A copy is in the AR.

Ralph brought a copy of St. Boniface Church directory from 1968 to share with the group.

Don showed the committee an old album of newspaper clipping and photo's that his father had clipped out of the Stayton Mail over the years. He said he would bring it again to our next meeting.

Next meeting: May 9, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room

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Sarah Purdy and Carol Zolkoske recently composed a preliminary questionnaire for oral interviewing.

Sarah has sent it to you but I inserted it into the record here:

St. Boniface Archive Committee Today's Date: Sublimity, OR Interviewee Information Form

The St. Boniface Archive Committee is attempting to put together a history of the people of the St. Boniface parish from its beginning until the present day. In this process we are interviewing members of the parish about their family, their involvement with the parish, and any other information we could use to help recreate our church's past. We are hoping to interview you for information on you, your history, and your involvement in the church and surrounding community. If you could fill out the questionnaire below, it would help us better direct our questions during the interview. Please feel free to skip any of the questions you don't wish to answer or don't apply to you. Please contact us with any questions you may have. Thank you very much for your participation, it is greatly appreciated!

#### I. Background

Personal Information:

Your name:

Birth date:

Where are you originally from, and when did you come to St. Boniface (or were you born here and here your whole life):

Previous jobs you may have had in the area:

Family Information:

Family names and birth dates or birth order (eg: children, mother, father, siblings, grandparents, great-grandparents):

How long has your family been in this area, and when did they come to the St. Boniface parish:

Do you have any photos of your family members?

#### II. Church Involvement

Your involvement with the St. Boniface parish (eg. Altar society, Knights of Columbus, parish council etc.):

Your family's involvement with the St. Boniface parish (eg. Worked on the church, involved in societies, involved in the school or college, church dinner, religious classes, etc):

Did you know who donated items in the church? (In our search for the parish history we are attempting to figure out who donated every statue, window, etc.)

Do you have any memories of the church or your participation that you would like to share:

#### III. Town Involvement

What is your involvement in the Sublimity community and surround areas (eg: do/did you own a business, logging, farming, teaching, town leader, etc.):

What were your family members' roles in the community:

#### IV. Houses and Buildings of the Town

Where did you live in the past:

Is the house still there:

Do you remember any other old houses, and if so are they still standing or do you know who built them:

Do/did you or your family own any of the property in the area, and if so who did it originally belong to:

#### V. Books and Publications

Are there any family history or town history books or publications you suggest we also use in our compilation of St. Boniface Parish history:

Thank you!!!!

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MAY 1, 2006

Minutes for April 24, 2006 – 10:00AM to 12:30 Noon

By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel: Vangie Ripp, Ralph Lulay, Francis Hendricks, Vera Boedigheimer, Carol Zolkoske

Purpose: To tour the belfry tower and to look for items that could be moved to the archives room.

Twelve poles of various lengths (8ft to 15ft) were found. Some had crosses on top others hooks and

chains and there was even a spear like point on another. It was surmised that these poles or "staves" were probably used in outside religious services. Also located were two old kneelers and a large round stand that was used to hold votive candles. All of this was moved to the archive room. The group also walked through the church basement.

A short meeting was held. Carol said that Sarah Purdy and she got together and worked on the questionnaire for the planned interviews with parishioners. Carol reported that she has signed up for the oral history workshop presented by the Archdiocese of Portland Historical Commission. The workshop will be held April 29 at St. Mary Parish in Corvallis. Next meeting: May 2, 2006 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room.

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APRIL 30,2006

The next meeting is this Tuesday, May 2 at 10:00 in the Archives Room (the normal weekly time)

Carol Zolkoske and I attended the Saturday workshop in Corvallis presented by Dr. James Strassmeier on taking oral histories. Excellent! We also visited the parish archives of St. Mary's church there and got some good ideas. Actually we have more room than they do. (Well, that's something ;-)

The printer and scanner are now working on our computer. The remaining document storage containers arrived and are now in the Archives room. The time has come to begin seriously sorting, filing, and arranging the archival materials we have collected. Ralph, Francis, and Fred have been planning a plexiglass covered display case, which will help with the process of sharing some of this neat stuff. I also think it would be a good idea to at least temporarily hang the many framed pictures on the wall. This gets them immediately visible and out of the way. See you Tuesday!

Henry

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APRIL 24,2006

Here are Carol's minutes from last week's meeting:

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April 24, 2006

Minutes for April 18, 2006 – 10:00AM to 12:00 Noon

By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel: Vangie Ripp, Ralph Lulay, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Don Porter, Jim Liesch, Carol Zolkoske

Francis brought in pictures of the Van Handel girls on scaffolding painting the alter at St. Boniface in the late 1970's.

Vangie shared some maps with the group of the Sublimity area from around 1929 and the 1950's. Immediately following, the group went over to the church where Henry and Jim took pictures. The purpose of the visit was to acquire information about the history of the church especially as it relates to parishioners.

Ralph, Don, and Francis told interesting stories concerning activities of the past. Don said the angles that hold the holy water at the entrance of the church may have been donated by Joseph and Katharine Etzel for their wedding around 1908. There may also be an Etzel connection to the angles at the main alter. Don volunteered to do more research on this.

Ralph pointed to a hole in the ceiling of the vestibule where the rope from the bells in the tower once hung.

Ralph and Francis talked about the rods that go between the east and west walls near the ceiling of the church. They said they were put in to keep the east wall from bowing outward. The reason the wall was bowing out was because when the church was first built there was a wood furnace in the basement area. The brick chimney went up the outside wall and at least 12 feet above the roofline. Apparently the weight of the bricks pulled the wall outward.

Within the last ten years, the church has been outfitted with steel plates that go from north to south at the top of the walls. This helps stabilize the building in case of an earthquake.

Ralph said that in times past, cedar branches were used in place of palms because palms were not readily available.

Vangie said there are records in the parish office of the donations of stained glass windows, statues, etc. Carol will look into this for additional information.

Ralph, Don and Francis told additional stories that will be written down and put on the web site.

Henry and Jim moved the two bookcases from upstairs to the archives room downstairs. We are still waiting to hear from Dan Goffin and the Knights of Columbus about moving the rest of the donated furniture to the archives room.

Plans are in the works to visit the church basement and belfry tower. This will be done on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday when Terry Hendricks can open the doors.

Next meeting: May 2, at 10:00 AM. In the archives room.

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APRIL 23, 2006

Don't forget TOMORROW, Monday is our meeting time this week only, as Vangie announced -

Hi All,

Plan for the exploring of the Bell Tower, and Church basement for Monday morning April 24th at 10 AM.

See you then Vangie Ripp

Henry

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APRIL 20, 2006

Thanks to Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, and Ralph Lulay for great contributions of historical data, and those forthcoming from Ray Heuberger. Joseph Ripp's Sublimity Diary is now on the Sublimity web page. Carol's minutes will follow, but here are some interim items of interest -

Photo from the Catholic Sentinel today about the oral history workshop. Some of you may want to attend.

Here's also a photo of from our historical church tour last Tuesday.

You may wonder why each of these emails includes all the past ones.. It's easy for new members to catch up and it maintains our email "archive." If you worry it may clog up your computer (it won't), just delete it - you'll get the whole thing again next time (except the photos).

Congratulations on the progress.

Henry

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APRIL 17, 2006

Minutes for April 11, 2006 – 10:00AM to 12:00 Noon

By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel: Vangie Ripp, Ralph Lulay, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske

Carol Asked Dan Goffin who is a member of the Knights of Columbus for their help in moving the donated furniture from upstairs hall in the convent to the archives room downstairs. He will bring it up in their next meeting on April 11.

Sarah Purdy delivered seven donated books from St Paul Historical Society. These Books contain church history and records from early Oregon. Carol will send a thank you card.

Henry Brought a scanner and printer for use in the archives room. He also spoke of the newly arrived items that were ordered especially for archives record keeping. They included ten storage boxes,

masking tape and one hundred acid free folders.

The group discussed the three nice red padded chairs in the area above the garage. They are two side chairs and a large chair with arms; too nice to leave there. There was also a discussion about taking photographs of the church foundation.

Kim stopped by and showed us a room in the convent basement. A small bookcase was located and moved into the archives room. Also 13 more boxes of "Let us Remember" books were found.

Ralph took a copy of the "Let us Remember" book. He will put names and dates to some of the pictures especially maiden names.

Don Porter said he would make copies of his mass card and donate them. He also took some copies of photographs and will ask around to see if the people could be identified. Don said that he will donate the lumber for the needed shelves when Ralph is ready to build them.

Next meeting: Tuesday April 18 at 10:00 AM. in the archives room. Plans are to walk through the church focusing on items that were donated and other personal information.

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APRIL 16, 2006

We welcome a new member, Don Porter, who brings a wealth of information, and whose family is one of the very earliest here, from about 1840, and he's quite a historian, too.

At the regular meeting Tuesday, April 18, 10:00. Carol will lead us on another fascinating tour, this time through our historic church, and perhaps the sacristy and "basement." You might want to consider the donors of stained glass windows, tabernacles, etc. and review the related "Claire's Prayer" on [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net).

Also I'll try to have the scanner & printer operational. We hope to get started soon on filing and shelving documents.

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APRIL 4, 2006

Ray Heuberger gave us a great photo of the Hermens creamery and a set of Fr. Neugebauers' slides from 1964-69. The photo is now in the History of Sublimity web page along with new photos of the original Immaculate Conception church 1904 and the 19 to 1 record Sublimity Hawks basketball team of 1946-47. Also several others from the Santiam Historical Museum, etc. Take a look.

Thanks to Francis Hendricks who lent a video of an oral history interview of his mother Genevieve. I transferred the audio to CD. Vangie Ripp gave me a disk of the Sublimity diary of Joseph Ripp 1904-1920, every day, until his death in the "Spanish" flu pandemic.

Much of the archival storage supplies arrived and are ready for use. We talked about the need of a scanner to preserve newspaper clippings, store things digitally, and make copies for visitors. I have an HP scanner and a LaserJet printer to donate from our office, used but perfectly functional.

The NEXT MEETING is at the regular time Tuesday 10:00 in the archives room.

Henry

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APRIL 1, 2006

Oops! The recording I mentioned from the 100th Anniversary was of Archbishop Power, not Howard.

Come to the meeting in the Archives Room Tuesday, April 4 at 10:00. Bring along someone energetic to

help move furniture if you can.

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MARCH 28, 2006

The special meeting at the Museum today was very fine and well attended. There's a group photo at the end of the history web page.

( [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net) Click on History of Sublimity)

Vera had given me a cassette recording of the entire 100th Anniversary Mass including the closing remarks of Bishop Howard. I transferred it to CDs, The closing remarks in itself is a gem. It would make any member of this parish proud. Interesting, humorous, inspiring. (It might be worth replaying in church some Sunday!)

The archives room now has a new lock. Thanks, Terry!

The next meeting will be, as usual, on Tuesday at 10:00 in the archives room.

Henry

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MARCH 27, 2006

To Everyone! Tomorrows's Special Tour/Meeting

The address of the Santiam Historical Society Museum is 260 N. 2nd Ave. in Stayton. Let everyone know that family members etc. are welcome to attend. There is no cost. I will give a brief introduction around the museum paying particular attention to Sublimity and family history. I will of course be happy to answer any questions. Thanks Carol See you at 10:00AM, Tuesday.

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MARCH 24, 2006

Father Paul and all,

A good meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2006. Vangie and Carol have efficiently arranged their leadership tasks, including the job of secretary. For the time being I will insert their minutes here, so as to have a continuous record.

George Sussbauer (no email) was a new member at this meeting. Welcome!

We moved all the old architectural drawings from a rectory closet to the archives room.

Vera brought a tape recording from the 100th Anniversary, Bishop's homily, etc. which I will transfer to CD for the archives.

I spoke with Dennis Lulay of the Financial Council and have added his email address to the block above.

After conferring with Vangie I ordered today some archival storage materials to get us started filing the papers. 10 document storage cases, 10 large record storage cases, 100 file folders, and some mending tape, all archival quality acid-free from Metal Edge, Inc., a vendor that the Oregon State Archives has used. Cost is about \$200. (I will either submit a bill at some appropriate future time or consider it a donation ;-)

I assume that the necessary lock and wired smoke alarm will be handled as normal plant maintenance?

We owe Carol and Gary Zolkoske many thanks for locating and \_delivering\_ some good, heavy, office furniture from the Telephone Co.'s excess.

Carol has also arranged a special tour of the Santiam Historical Museum building (the old ex-library building) as our next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: 10:00 AM Tuesday, Santiam Historical Museum, 260 N 2nd Ave, Stayton. See you all there !

Henry

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MARCH 17 2006

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21 10:00 in the convent archives room. (I think Vangie has kindly been calling those without email?)

Father Paul and all,

Last meeting was another fairly "physical" one in that we moved more of the archival material into the new space. Also explored the attic of the garage and found files of church records there that should be in a better location. We need next to survey and probably move materials from a closet in the rectory maybe the church "basement?" and sacristy. Textiles (vestments, etc.) will not be moved pending storage considerations. There was also talk of a "missing trunk" of a priest several pastors back. I think Carol Zolkoske may be inquiring into this.

Carol Z. also talked of plans and methods for collecting oral/written history. And about a possibility of acquiring some excess used furniture from the phone co.

Vera Boedigheimer lent me two old cassette tapes she had made, one of an oral history review with the late Mildred Beitel, and one of the choir singing the Latin Mass in G from June 1974. This last leaves something to be desired in recording fidelity but is clearly from the golden age of the choir musically.

As I write this it occurs to me that it sounds a bit like meeting minutes. We do need to identify an official secretary, whose minutes will also go into the archives. No, definitely not me!, but I will keep a copy of my relevant emails. Perhaps the new secretary would find it efficient to record and distribute the minutes by email. Perhaps they should also go top a member of the Parish Council so they know what we are doing and need?

The next Sunday bulletin has a revised notice about our project, and may, I hope, help with recruiting, i.e. -

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"Parish Archives of St. Boniface in Sublimity—Every Oregon Parish has its "Archives," the history of its church and its people. We have a new location and an active group, with parish and diocesan support, to collect and preserve, to organize and share this wealth of history and inspiration. We have historical records, photos, family histories, artifacts, memoirs from 127 years of St. Boniface. We would like a lot more. Whether you are young or old, from an old or new family, please consider sharing information or helping with the archives project so these memories will not be lost but develop into a parish heritage library or museum, with a feeling of home, community, belonging. Our community and parish have a long and fascinating history. For a sample see [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net) and click on the "History of Sublimity." Then go back and click on "Parish Archives" for more about the ongoing project. There are weekly meetings, but opportunities at other times too. Call Father Paul at 503-769-5664, Vangie Ripp at 503-769-5381, Carol Zolkoske 503-769-5299 or Henry Strobel 503-749-1742."

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MARCH 12 2006

Please note CHANGE in meeting time to tomorrow, March 13 at 10:00am in the convent building (new archives room in the basement). There is a conflict with a funeral on Tuesday.

I had written:

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Father Paul and all,

Last Tuesday we moved perhaps half of the papers to the new location in the convent building. Thanks to everyone for a great meeting and physical work. I think we overlooked setting a definite time for the next meeting, but I suggest Tuesday at 10:00 as usual. Also suggest that it be in the new archives room. We have a table and chairs there and a supplemental heater so that should work. The computer Joe donated is working.

Meeting times will not fit everybody. Some can't get out at night, and others can't easily leave their day jobs. But there's lots to be done between meetings if you contact Vangie or Kim or are collecting, etc.

Weather permitting we should be able Tuesday to complete moving the papers and photos (books?) but leave the vestments, etc. where they are for now. Anyone who wants to help earlier with moving, etc. could check with Vangie, 503 769-5381. The key(s) will have to be picked up from Kim at the rectory. Terry is having a lock installed on the archives room - we don't want just anyone in the building to be able to go through that stuff.

I have a large new catalog of archival storage supplies from MetalEdge that I will bring. Vangie has also located some acid-free photo covers locally.

Carol Rambousek, 503 769-4476, expressed an interest in helping with oral history work too, and has experience working with Bishop Steiner in Corvallis some time back. I suggested she talk with Carol Zolkoske. I don't have an email address for Sarah Purdy, the graduate student, but I think Vangie is in touch with her.

Here's another interesting contact, whom I've put in touch with Vera - I quote:

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(March 8.) Hello, My name is Joyce Ashley. I was looking at your website and discovered a photo that I recognize. I am the daughter of Cecilia Fery ( nee Boedigheimer). My mother's parents, my grandparents were Ignatious and Helen( nee Smith, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Smith) Boedigheimer. Ignatious was the son of Bruno and Mary (nee Bauhaus) Boedigheimer. Bruno and Mary were one of the first settlers in Sublimity. They are mentioned along with other family members in the book, These Valiant Women the history of the Sisters of St. Mary's of Oregon which started in Sublimity. I have been working on the family history of the Boedigheimers for a few years now. img002 is I. J. Boedigheimer and Helen Frances (Smith) 25th wedding anniversary in 1919. It was taken on their front porch in Sublimity. My mother Cecilia is 6 years old and standing in the second row behind the 5th boy sitting on the porch from the left, she has on a white dress with a big bow in her hair. I would be interested in working with who ever is working on this history project. I live in Dayton, Or. near McMinnville. My e-mail address is joyceashley@verizon.net. Hope to hear from you. Joyce Ashley  
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The address block above could be copied and used by any of us to pass on an idea or notice to the others on the committee. Those without email addresses above are Ralph Lulay 503 769-2267, Carol Rambousek 503 769-4476, Vera Boedigheimer 503 769-2247, and Sarah Purdy.

The "archives" web page is at [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net) (then click on Parish Archives). I was at the Archdiocesan Historical Commission meeting in Portland Friday and mentioned our progress.

Kind regards,  
Henry

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MARCH 6 2006  
Father Paul and all,

The address block above could be copied and used by any of us to pass on an idea or notice to the others on the committee. Jim Liesch is a photographer who may be able to add current parish photos to the archive. Those without email addresses above are Ralph Lulay 503 769-2267, Carol Rambousek 503 769-4476, and Vera Boedigheimer 503 769-2247.

Our next meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday at 10:00 in the rectory. (That's right, isn't it?)

Last Monday evening, following the morning meeting, Vangie Ripp and Carol Zolkoske and I made a presentation to the Parish Financial Council and received assurance of support, including our new space in the convent building, etc.

Kim said that Terry Hendricks would be getting some keys. It might be nice if we could start, at least symbolically, moving some of the materials tomorrow? In addition to the archival storage materials and shelving we will be ordering (I have more catalogs coming), we will be needing work tables (and chairs, perhaps there already?), eventually a computer, a good electric space heater with thermostat to even out the temperature variations of the central heating, and a smoke detector wired into the central alarm. Maybe some of us have such spare stuff that could be donated?

The web page has been updated a little, as you can see at [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net) (then click on Parish Archives).

Incidentally, I will be attending the Archdiocesan Historical Commission meeting in Portland Friday and will mention our progress.

Kind regards,  
Henry

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FEBRUARY 25 2006  
Father Paul and all,

This is a test: The address block above could be copied and used by any of us who wants to pass on an idea or notice to the others on the committee. I haven't yet an email for Ralph Lulay or Carol Rambousek. I haven't been able to reach Joe Spenner for some reason. Who did I forget?

David Wendell, a research archivist at the Oregon State Archives came by here yesterday evening and showed me and Vangie various acid-free storage filing boxes, folders, mylar protector sheets, tape, etc. such as are used in storing archived materials. Also some sources for same, etc. (He is not available during the day.)

At the meeting 10:00 Monday it would be good to look at the convent space that Kim mentioned. A clean, well-lighted, secure and uncramped space would be best, even if not adjacent to the dining room. Everything could be moved there, sorted and assessed, and then requirements for storage equipment, shelves, etc. determined. Before doing such a survey I think it would be premature to formulate a request for specific funding from the financial council, although they should know what we are doing and that both space and some initial (to be determined) and ongoing support will be needed.

The web page has been revised further, as you can see at [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net) (Then click on Parish Archives). I will print copies of this and bring along to the Monday meeting.

Please understand that I am only sending this from a background or technical standpoint, to reinforce the leadership of Vangie and Carol, and those who will be doing the actual organization and work, which I will be unable to do much of.

Kind regards,  
Henry

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FEBRUARY 16 2006  
Dear Father Paul, Kim, Vangie, Vera,

I was thinking this evening about our meeting, and how the web page might be a resource for the archives program. It's easiest to present an idea with an example so I did an example which you can see on our web page. This is perhaps premature, and the last thing I want to do is get out of order here or surprise you. I can easily erase it in a moment after you have seen it. Or I could add contact information or change anything you wish. You may not want to put anything there until the announcement in church?

Anyway, if you go to [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net) and click on Parish Archives, you will see what I mean.

Cordially,  
Henry