

St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting
07/15/2010 Minutes

Members present: Fr. Bakke, Bill Campbell, Mary Bebbler, Pete Walechka, Tom Filipiak, Mark Lesar, Bob Covoloskie,

Excused: Rose Lee, Deb Stieve, Lisa Runnels, Bruce Boyd, Laura Garven

Guests: Frank Friar, Dan Fitzpatrick, Kathy Siberz

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Fr. Bakke, acting in place Convener, Rose Lee.
Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Bakke.
In the absence of Secretary, Laura Garven, minutes were taken by Kathy Siberz.
2. No adjustments were made to the agenda.
3. Minutes of the May 20, 2010 meeting were approved.
4. Updates/Follow-up information
2010 Parish Festival/2011 plans: Overall the weekend was very successful. Approximately \$33,000 in profit was made from the dance/tractor pull/festival.
Suggestions were made to
 - check with St. Mary Parish in Portage to find out about their carnival rides
 - drop the dance for next year. for the second year in a row it has not brought the crowd or the money we predicted. Having it the same night as tractor pull was considered but deemed not practical because of the noise.
 - retain Maple Creek Farms for next year; meal was very well received
 - Baggo should be brought back next year; good number of spectators
 - move the raffle drawing to 4:00 p.m. to allow for an extra session of bingo and to allow people to watch Baggo and then play bingo.
 - 2011 date is still pending; we would like to get away from the tractor pull in Sauk City; but there was some concern about a “political situation” within the FFA there. We will wait to see what Mike Turner can determine at the Sauk County Fair.
 - split up the events rather than grouping them on one weekend.

Cafeteria Floor Fix Progress: Most of the work is done. We are waiting for the concrete to dry to the point where the floor tile can be laid.

Parish Pictorial Directory: the last directory was done in 2007 so the feeling is we should be doing a new one. Life Touch has been contacted to produce this directory. Picture taking will begin in mid-August. Information will be coming out in the bulletin and newsletter. The Parish Life commission is helping.
5. 2010-11 Parish Budget: The budget for the coming fiscal year was approved with little debate; it will total about \$1.5 million in income and expenses. Dan pointed out that the budget has improved in the last few years. Offertory giving for the last fiscal year was off from the projected income but giving to restricted funds was over the projection. The new budget was based largely on actual figures from the last fiscal year. Clarification of the Scrip income and expenses was given as was clarification of the bingo income and prizes.
6. Introduction of Church’s Choir Area Possible Remodel: Fr. Bakke presented information about the

possible remodeling of the choir area and seating section on the north side of the church. Some time was spent in explanation and discussion of this possibility.

The current arrangement

- does not provide enough room for our growing choir and Mass Band.
- tends to capture the sound in the former chapel instead of making it easily projected to the assembly.
- is essentially in the Sanctuary area, which is not reverent and not appropriate
- is not conducive to overflow seating because people are hesitant to sit there, it is not appropriate to have them there and it is an arrangement very distracting to the priest and often other members of the assembly.

The proposed arrangement

- would provide a better line of sight between the northern bank of seats and the Sanctuary area.
- would provide better sound, as sound would not be captured in the choir area
- would provide overflow seating more conducive to being used when the choir is not present; ten seats would be lost but the choir area would be more useful than the present arrangement.

Cost of this part of the project is projected at about \$72,000; this is a high end estimate, there are a couple parts of the project that could be less than estimated.

Part Two of the total project would be the restoration of the reredos. Close inspection of the reredos shows some cracking and chipping, plus the dulling of some of the gold areas.

Part Three of the project would be acoustical work in the Narthex. A layer of soundproofing could be applied to the ceiling there allowing the area to be used as meeting space and also making it more appealing for conversation.

Total projected cost of all three parts of the project would be no more than \$150,000. Fr. Bakke assured the group that work would not commence until all the money needed had been accumulated.

Permission of the bishop would be needed in order to proceed.

The consensus of the Council was that the project would be worth further investigation.

Pastoral Council Commissions:

Social Justice reported that the parish will participate in the CROP Walk for Hunger in October. This is an ecumenical effort of about six Baraboo churches. People walking will be asked to find donors to pledge money. The Baraboo Food Pantry will receive 25% of the funds collected in Baraboo. Catholic donors are asked to designate Catholic Relief Services as their preferred agency to receive the other 75% of the money collected. This is because the parent organization of CROP, Church World Service, has some policies that are in conflict with the Catholic Church. St. Joseph staff checked with the diocese to make sure this alternative was acceptable.

Parish Pastoral Council/ Trustee Elections:

Elections to fill the positions of Bruce Boyd, Laura Garven and Mary Bebbler will be held this coming weekend (July 17/18). An election to fill the Trustee position of Jim Hendricks will take the place at the same time. Elections will take place at Mass; council members volunteered to help pass out ballots.

Upcoming Events:

Baraboo Old Fashioned Day Pie Sale – Saturday, July 24th. Pies are needed! Proceeds will go to the cafeteria floor project.

Blest Art will be here the weekend of July 24/25th selling hand carved objects from the Holy Land. The sales go to benefit the Catholic families of the artisans in Bethlehem.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.. Newly elected members will be welcomed.