

**St Joseph Parish
Baraboo, WI**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2010**

Present: Fr. Bakke, Rosie Lee, Craig Skirvseth, Mary Bebber, Kathy Siberz, Frank Friar, Bill Campbell, Mark Lesar, Sarah Conner, Dennis Wolfe, Pete Walechka, Debbie Stieve, Bob Covoloskie, Lisa Runnels, Laura Garven

Excused: Tom Filipiak

1. Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Bakke
2. No adjustments to the agenda.
3. Approval of minutes with one correction—Finance Council Meeting night not changed, just landed a different week from Parish Council that month. Meetings will be quarterly unless needed earlier.
4. Commission Reports
 - Faith Formation**—GIFT plans and prep continue
 - Parish Life**—Finalizing pictorial directory
 - Liturgy**—Advent and Christmas planning
 - Social Justice**—promoting Thanksgiving boxes, Fr. Louiders was here for 3 weeks. Haiti-sponsorship of Haiti children went very well, there is now a waiting list to “adopt” a child. Baraboo radio station gave a new transmitter and \$5000.00 to build a new tower. \$25,000 was given by the Haiti Med Mission of Baraboo for the clinic. Fr said all donations are appreciated but monetary donations are best because they can get the items cheaper down there and there is no shipping. But Christmas boxes will be continued. Also, if anyone has any rings to donate and send with the Medical Mission for weddings there. Also, Jung Seed Co sent seeds down to start gardens.
5. **Revisit Planning Mtg.** Action Plan 1 and 2 met. Debt retired. Non financial—evangelization—ideally trained staff will eventually take this position but right now it is happening on its own. Also, discussed the need to have another parish survey to get input on parishioner’s needs. A Catholic school survey is coming from Diocese. Discussed need to let all know that financial assistance is available for school and faith formation—no one is turned away. A meeting led by a professional to get ideas on how to increase school enrollment will be in Nov, Dec, Jan., and discussed possibly having a facilitated planning process for the vision of the Parish. This meeting would come after the survey.
6. **Finance:** We need to build a reserve fund (a project fund) so that when something comes up we don’t have to drain our accounts. Right now we are running “cash poor”. Offertory is down 6% from budget. Otherwise we are running close to budget right now. We need to keep parishioners informed of our needs—the cafeteria floor hit us hard.

7. Upcoming Events

Oct 24 Youth Mass

Oct 26 Neighborhood Supper—One year anniversary, invitation extended to all Council Members.

Oct 30 Women's Retreat

Oct 31 Sacrament of Confirmation

Fish Fry/Bingo Schedules

All Soul's Day Mass

Understanding/Planning for the Catholic Funeral

Annual Mission Appeal

Nov GIFT program

Nov 17 Celebration of First Reconciliation

8. Issues, Concerns

Next Meeting
Thursday, November 18, 2010
6:00 pm
Fr. Henry Hall