

**St Joseph Parish
Baraboo, WI**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2009**

Present: Lisa Runnels, Deb Stieve, Bob Covoloskie, Bill Campbell, Mark Lesar, Bruce Boyd, Fr. Bakke, Kathy Siberz, Pete Walechka, Mary Bebber, Tom Filipiak, Laura Garven

Excused: Rose Lee

Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Bakke

September 2009 minutes were approved with 2 corrections.

There was an official acknowledgment and “thank you” to Deb Terry for all of her hard work towards a very successful 100th anniversary of St. Joseph School celebration.

Fr. Bakke stated that he and Rose Lee would be meeting on the Friday before Council meetings to set the agendas. Also, would leave room in agenda for any “adjustments” the Council felt were needed.

BUDGET

Council Members wanted to thank Dan Fitzpatrick for doing such a good job at explaining the Budget at last months meeting. A handout with the budget minus the depreciation was passed out to better show the actual financial status of the Parish. Father explained that our Parish uses “accurate accounting” which means that our budget is started by Finance Council in the spring and they are working with accurate numbers from the current fiscal year. Parish fiscal year begins July 1st. Father mentioned that everyone is welcome the Finance Council meetings. Parish Council members asked if we could see a budget comparative sheet after the first 6 months of this fiscal year. One will be brought to the meeting after the first 6 months.

There has been a great response to the Debt Reduction Pledge follow ups. With the responses sent back there will be enough to payoff the note due in April 2010. Also, asked if there could be a separate notation on the budget so we know how much money comes from the Endowment fund.

REVISION OF PARISH CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Fr. Bakke explained that a review had not been done since 1996. He is targeting January 2010 for a revised document. We will be checking with the Diocese to see if any changes since last review have been initiated. A copy of the current Constitution and Bylaws were passed out. Any suggestions for changes should be emailed to Kathy Siberz. Father asked for volunteers for the committee which will include Father and Kathy. Rose Lee, Mark Lesar, Bill Campbell, and Laura Garven volunteered. The question was asked

if a lawyer would need to review changes. Father explained that we will not be making any corporate changes, so “no”.

2008 PLANNING MEETING REVISITED

Results from the planning meeting were passed out for review. Will be reviewed further at Nov. meeting. Action Plan #1 to hire a business manager was met. Action Plan #2 to hire Youth Minister was met. Action Plan #3 Evangelization Committee—we now have active Parish Commissions. Ministerial—the response to the first “Community Supper” was great. There were a lot of volunteers who signed up and monetary donations were given. Sandy and John Dodge are doing a lot of work on this project. Getting donations from Pierce’s and Second Harvest. The first supper is October 27th from 6-8pm.

Question was brought up on whether St Joes has an alumni assoc. and if this is a possible money generator for parish.

UPDATES

Due to a scheduling conflict the celebratory Mass for the Parish 150th Anniversary will be changed from Nov 1. There will be something special at all Masses the weekend of Nov 21-22 instead.

100th Anniversary celebration of the school was a big success. Approx. 300 alumni, etc attended.

GIFT and Scripture study has been well attended. Father will email the powerpoint from last GIFT.

PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMISSION REPORTS

Finance—budget projections have been very accurate

Liturgy—goal to enhance the ministries with more volunteers

Social Justice—neighborhood supper coming up

Flu Shot Clinic from 2-6 October 17th.

**NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009
6:00PM**