

**St. Joseph Parish  
Baraboo, WI**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2010**

**Present:** Fr. Bakke, Bill Campbell, Deb Stieve, Mary Bebber, Peter Walechka, Lisa Runnels, Tom Filipiak, Mark Lesar, Kathy Siberz

**Excused:** Rosie Lee, Bob Covoloske, Laura Garven, Bruce Boyd

1. Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Bakke
2. No Adjustments to the agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes(1/21/10 meeting): Correction under "Upcoming Events" the Tractor Pull & Festival is June 12-13, 2010, not February.

4. Updates:

**2010 Annual Catholic Appeal Update:**

The last 3 weekends, the parish was involved with the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal. At the time of this meeting, 384 envelopes were delivered to the Diocese; 150 envelopes were sent in response to the direct mail portion of the appeal. The Diocese will be providing a report in regards to the parish response. Kathy Siberz reported that envelopes continue to "trickle" in.

**Great American Bible Timeline Update:**

Fr. Bakke expressed satisfaction with the Great American Bible Timeline. He would like to have seen more children involved, and noted that those present were very involved and seemed to gain a great deal. Materials are being considered for the 2010/11 GIFT program especially the "Epic" process that studies Church History from the Acts of the Apostles to the present time.

**Parish Festival/Tractor Pull Update:**

Raffle tickets will be in the Narthex this weekend, inviting households to pick up their packets. So far, \$500 in tickets have been sold. The Festival Committee has decided to contract for a "pig roast" with a Waukesha company, which will do the roast and St. Joseph's will provide the set-up and sides. A Baggo tournament will be a new addition. Discussion ensued.

**Cafeteria Floor Replacement Update:**

cf. attached which was reviewed by the Council...the letter of explanation to the parish, the timeline(June 1-July19), and discussion continued regarding impacts on finances, daycare, public relations.

**Diocesan Good Leaders, Good Shepherds Program for Priests**

cf. attached. Fr. Bakke will participate in this program which extends over the next 2 years. It is a new program of development for priests in the areas of leadership, staff interaction, parish administration. Fr. Bakke looks forward to new learning, and perhaps offering his experiences/ideas.

5. **Holy Week Liturgies** The week's schedule was distributed and all are encouraged to participate as much as possible. The Festival Raffle Tickets will be available for pick-up during the Easter liturgies. Fr. Bakke invited Council members to participate in the Holy Thursday foot washing...Mark Lesar volunteered to represent the Council.

**6. Parish Pastoral Council Commissions** Members were asked to serve on the current Commissions, representing this Council, bringing activity/feedback to the Council.

- (a) Liaison to Finance Council: Bill Campbell & Tom Filipiak
- (b) Liaison to Parish Life: Pete Walechka
- (c) Liaison to Faith Formation: Deb Stieve & Mary Bebber
- (d) Liaison to Liturgy: Mary Bebber & Mark Lesar
- (e) Liaison to Social Justice: Lisa Runnels

Council members not present are asked to choose a Commission to join.

Commission Reports:

\*Finance Council: Frank Friar reported that the parish is in good standing. Currently, we are below budget for expenses and the church expansion project is now debt free. All should be commended for this success, and people have been encouraged to honor remaining pledges. School tuition payments are above projections, which is very good.

- (a) Social Justice: The new Neighborhood Supper continues to grow; Bob Dorn's coordination of the School Break Peanut Butter lunch program has been a great success; St. Joseph's has been asked by the First Methodist Church if we would host the May 15<sup>th</sup> Great Giveaway...a "free garage sale"
- (b) Parish Life: Will be meeting next week.
- (c) Faith Formation: Will be meeting next week for discussion of 2010/11 GIFT program
- (d) Liturgy: Has been busy planning/coordination of Holy Week & Easter Liturgies.

**7. Upcoming Events** Fr. Bakke encourages Council members to participate in as many events as Possible.

**8. Issues, Concerns, Ideas from Council Members**

- (a) Usher/Greeter name tags need to be replaced and perhaps more easily seen.
- (b) Discussion ensued regarding Eucharistic Ministers – perhaps more "elaborate" sign-up is needed.
- (c) Fr. Bakke reminded the Council to be considering possible new members for the Council elections.
- (d) The Council will not meet in April due to Fr.'s participation in the Good Leaders, Good Shepherds Program.

**NEXT MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010  
6:00 p.m.**

(Minutes Taken by Tom Filipiak)