

**St. Joseph Parish
Baraboo, WI**

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

Present: Fr. Bakke, Rose Lee, Bill Campbell, Bob Covoloskie, Deb Stieve, Mary Bebbler, Peter Walechka, Lisa Runnels, Tom Filipiak, Kathy Siberz

Excused: Laura Garven, Mark Lesar, Bruce Boyd

Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Bakke in honor of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

November 19, 2009 Council Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

2010 Diocese of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal

Fr. Bakke distributed a letter from the Diocese about the ACA with its timeline. The ACA 2010 Goal for St. Joseph Parish is **\$62,964** which is based on our parish's FY 2008 reported offertory of \$719,881 x 8.7464%. The Coordinating Committee for our parish includes Patricia Carignan and Jennifer Fitzpatrick of the Parish Finance Council; Frank Friar(Trustee); Fr. Bakke, Kathy Siberz and Dan Fitzpatrick. They will be going to a training on February 2, 2010.

Fr. Bakke asked all to become familiar with the ACA and offer positive encouragement to our parishioners to participate as fully as possible in support of the Diocesan Offices/Programs.

Father clarified that the Diocesan Tax, which is assessed to each parish, is a line-item on our budget. We are asked by the Diocese to not promote parishioner support of this tax within the parish, lest it create confusion with the ACA.

As in 2009, this year's ACA will invite people's support by a mailing that each household will receive from the Diocese, plus an in-pew opportunity during Sunday Masses for those who did not respond to the mailing, and visitors/non-parishioners.

Revised Parish Pastoral Council Constitution & By-Laws

A committee of Fr. Bakke, Rose Lee, Laura Garven, and Kathy Siberz met and made the necessary changes to update these documents to reflect our current operations. The Parish Staff had input in this revision process, and after some grammatical and wording changes to both documents, the Council adopted the 2010 Revised versions on this date, January 21, 2010.

Pastoral Council Commissions

According to the By-laws, Council members are asked to serve on one of the Commissions. Members are asked to review the attached Commission descriptions, and at the next meeting of the Council, to indicate which Commission(s) each would like to serve for this year. If a member has served on a particular Commission this past year and would like to serve on a different one, that is fine; if one wishes to continue with a particular Commission, that is an also an option.

Commission Reports

Liturgy – At the Commission’s last meeting, an evaluation of the Advent/Christmas Seasons was conducted, and planning has begun for the Season of Lent and Holy Week.

Lifelong Faith Formation-Has begun planning for next year’s programs

Parish Life-no report

Social Justice-Even though the recent meeting was cancelled due to weather, via e-mail it was decided to go ahead and run the Peanut Butter Lunch Bunch project, with Robert Dorn as chair.

New Business

Fr. Bakke shared that we are on target to retire the Expansion Debt before the end of March, 2010. He then informed the Council of the following projects that are being worked on:

- 1) June, 2010 Replacement of the sinking school cafeteria floor. This has gotten to the must-act point. After three bid, LaMasney Construction was chosen as General Contractor. The project will cost about \$45,000, the funds for which are available. This will begin on June 1, 2010, and will hopefully only take a couple of weeks to complete. Details are still being worked out.
- 2) Church’s Gathering Space(Narthex): With the lack of acoustical treatment, the space is very limited as to use. It is a space that we need for meetings, programs, etc. and to have a quieter atmosphere for Masses, funerals, weddings, etc. A professional firm has been consulted and it is recommended that panels be attached to the ceiling area to absorb the sound. They will have a fabric that compliments the space, to be chosen by a committee of the church decorators. The project will cost about \$12,500, fabricated and installed. The money is now available to pay for this due to generous donation. Fr. Bakke would like it completed prior to Holy Week/Easter, 2010. This is important in light of the need for more program space, and since there are no plans to complete the Narthex basement.

Upcoming Events

The Council is reminded of the following events, and encouraged to participate.

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| *January 22, 3:30 p.m. | Pro-Life Rally, Sauk County Courthouse steps |
| *January 24 th , 6:00 p.m. | Ecumenical Prayer Service, St. Joseph’s Church |
| *February 17 th | Ash Wednesday, the Season of Lent begins |
| *February 19 th -20 th | The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Program |
| *February 12 th -13 th | Annual Parish Tractor Pull & Festival |

Issues, Concerns, Ideas From Council Members

Nothing was offered

The Meeting concluded at 7:05 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 18, 2010
6:00 p.m.