

**St. Joseph Parish
Baraboo, WI**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2009**

Present: Bruce Boyd, Mary Bebber, Bill Campbell, Rosie Lee, Laura Garven, Frank Friar, Bob Covoloskie, Debbie Stieve, Fr. Bakke, Lisa Runnels, Dan Fitzpatrick, Kathy Siberz, Pete Walechka, Sandy and John Dodge, Tom Filipiak, Mark Lesar

Opening Prayer was led by Fr Bakke

July 2009 Minutes were approved.

2009 PARISH BUDGET REVIEW

Concerns were expressed by members regarding the budget which showed a deficit. Dan explained how the budget was on “paper” and that because we have to account for depreciation the budget does show a deficit—but in actual monies the Parish is not in deficit.

We were assured that the budget was cut as much as possible. That there has been a staff cut and staff restructuring and also a spending freeze. 65% of the budget is tied up in salaries.

We were informed that we have \$68,000 locked up for the debt elimination and approx. \$158,000 in savings.

Dan felt that the estimates in the budget for income on both food service and fundraising were lower than what is expected.

After much discussion the budget was approved.

UPDATES

Follow up to meeting with Fred Clark: Fred Clark is very liberal and does not follow Christian beliefs. It was felt that although he was willing to listen to everyone we could not expect him to back our Christian values in his legislation.

Debt Elimination: Minutes were passed out from the Debt Elimination Committee mtg. Follow up letters will be sent to those who are still paying pledges.

St. Aloysius: No middle school this year. Will be reevaluated for next school year.

150th Anniversary: November 1st at 4pm will be Celebration Mass

Commissions: Social Justice—Sandy and John Dodge asked for approval from Parish Council to begin monthly suppers for the needy in town. They stated that no money

would be expected from the Parish as the food would be donated. These would be simple suppers. Approval was given for them to begin this project.

H1N1 Virus: Handouts were given from The Office of the Bishop regarding the reception of Holy Communion during flu season and options for the Parishes.

Issues, Concerns, Ideas: The 6:00pm start time of Council meetings was discussed and everyone agreed that this start time worked best.

NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009
6:00PM