

MINUTES

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2009

Saint Michael Parish Council met Thursday January 8, 2009 in the Cheney Public School gym. Father Borowiak, Ed Perry, Kent Davenport, Jerry Bixenmann, Pat Wagner, Evelyn Janousek, Patty Marmie, John Pfeiler and Paula Fritz were in attendance.

Father opened the meeting with a prayer.

PARISH CENTENNIAL – The Bishop is scheduled to celebrate a Centennial Mass for St. Michael Church in early September 2009. There was a discussion about having the Mass at the building site of our new facility and whether the ceremonial groundbreaking should occur at the same time. Father will check the exact date of the Mass and then check the Husker football schedule before further plans are made. Plans are being formulated to place a cross on the property to designate the exact location of the new building.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – After some discussion, Ed Perry made a motion that the parish hires Community Counseling Services (CCS) from Chicago as the professional fundraiser to coordinate our capital campaign. Pat Wagner and John Pfeiler seconded the motion. Father will ask for permission from the Bishop to pursue this and then request a contract and timetable from CCS.

WEDDING POLICY – Father expressed the need of the parish to implement a wedding policy for couples wanting to be married in St. Michael Church. Preliminary work has been done on developing this policy and the council can expect to provide input and approval in the upcoming months.

PARISH STATISTICS – There was a review of parish statistics for 2008. The parish currently has 479 families (1555 individuals) registered in the parish. This includes 93 families added in 2008. The parish has a total of 284 grade school, and 110 high school students. Additional statistics include a contribution amount of \$473,513 given by 444 families. A breakdown of children by age and class was also provided.

PARISH FINANCES – Father provided a calendar year end profit/loss financial statement for the parish comparing the years of 2007 and 2008.

DIOCESAN AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS – Account totals were given for the Diocesan and Investment accounts. These accounts are designated for specific aspects of the building project. The General Church account total is \$1.17 million. Other accounts hold funds for playground equipment, school endowment, school furnishings, sculpture, the Sister's account, and a textbook account.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR – The discussion and planning process to add a Development Director for the parish continues to make progress.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND FALL FESTIVAL – Fr. has been approached with questions regarding whether it makes sense to have these events yearly. After a short discussion it was decided not to make scheduling changes for these events at this time. The current plan is to have the Ice Cream Social in July 2009.

SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS – Surveys continue to be returned and Fr. briefly summarized the data. Preliminary results indicate a desire for a state-of-the-art school in the areas of religion, academics, technology, etc., at an affordable cost.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – The parish is overdue for elections for parish council members. Patty Marmie volunteered to coordinate the election process for new members.

OTHER – Jerry Bixenmann brought sample alcohol policies from other parishes as well as the Catholic Mutual alcohol liability policy. No decision was made regarding an alcohol policy at St. Michael.