

## **Saint Michael Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

### **July 9, 2009 5:30pm.**

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Saint Michael Parish Council met Thursday July 9, 2008. Father Borowiak opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present were: Father Borowiak, Pat Wagner, Jerry Bixenmann, Ken Davenport, Carl Marks, Dawn Hoffman, student rep., Dr. Gene Schwenke.

Father discussed the parish door-to-door census being undertaken by the Marian Sisters. Two seminarians are assisting with follow up. Father said it's going very well and the Sisters are covering the area between Pine Lake and Yankee Hill roads. Wilderness Ridge and Wilderness Hills neighborhoods also have been covered. The census hopefully will conclude this summer..

Father talked about the Matt Talbot city wide campaign to fund their relocation to North 27<sup>th</sup> Street. He asked about the parish making a donation to this effort. Parish council members recommended that envelopes be attached to an upcoming weekend bulletin with hopes that parishioners will respond by contributing to this effort.

The Saint Michael Capital Campaign was discussed. The Campaign is progressing and everything seems to be a go for the building project.

In regards to the site preparation – Father said HWS recently conducted soil tests on the building site and found a couple of soft spots that will need to be surcharged (compacted) before footings/foundations could be poured. Father said the necessary follow up is being pursued.

Father Borowiak said the parish building committee has essentially finished the initial design phase of the parish building project. Kevin Clark has been contacted about the next phase which would include the development of construction drawings.

Father Borowiak presented a draft 2009-2010 parish budget to the parish council. Father went over the budget in detail with the parish council and a number of items were discussed. A number of changes were made which will be forwarded to the parish finance committee.

Father Borowiak discussed the planning of St. Michael school. Father said it does not look like at this time that the parish will be able to acquire a Religious Sister to be the principal of the school. Most likely a layperson will be hired.

Father discussed the possibility of a woman religious being part of the school's staff as the school's faith formation coordinator.

Jerry Bixenmann brought up the idea of forming a school board to start planning the opening of the 2011-2012 school year. It was discussed. Father Borowiak said he has asked two parish couples, who have children in Catholic Schools to assist he and Sr. Mary Michael in the planning of Saint Michael school. Father also discussed the possibility of developing a partnership with Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas to hire teachers for St. Michael school.

Father said people have expressed an interest in becoming involved in the faculty and/or staff of the school.

Father Borowiak traveled recently to St. Richard parish in Omaha, which closed recently, to look at 3-bronze bells. The parish council recommended that Father Borowiak act to buy (quickly) the three bells from them.

Father asked if any other items needed to be discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

Minutes submitted: by Jerry Bixenmann