

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2008

The Saint Michael Parish Council met Thursday, December 11, 2008 in the gym of the Cheney Public School. Present were Ed Perry, Jerry Bixenmann, John Pfeiler, Kent Davenport and Pat Wagner. Father Borowiak opened the meeting with a prayer. Then following subjects were discussed.

UPDATE ON CHENEY SCHOOL

Father Borowiak stated that Sacred Heart and North American Martyrs Schools are going to take the 2 portable classrooms from the Cheney Public School property.

The old school building was quite a mess with lots of books left. Father and some students sorted through all the books. Father talked about donating them to Pius High School for a books for Africa project.

There were about 150 parishioners at the Christmas potluck dinner December 7. Some suggestions were made regarding improving the kitchen and Father asked if the Knights could make an entryway where the refrigerator is now so the kitchen could open into the room next to it. Father also asked if the Knights could look to see if there is a gas line above the kitchen that could be brought down for a gas range.

Father also asked if the Knights could trim a tree and cut down a few volunteer trees so that the portables can be removed.

UPDATE ON ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL PLANNING

Father has had discussion with Benedictine College in Atchison, Ks. about partnering with the college and offering incentives for students of their teaching college to come teach at a future St. Michael School. Father is looking at different options in terms of incentives.

Father is getting some good feedback on the school surveys that he sent out recently. Four to five dozen have been received thus far. Feedback has included issues with scheduling, drop off and pick up for families with students at two schools for those who have children that will be in grades 5 - 8 as St. Michael School will open K through 4 with each grade added in succession. Father has asked Margaret Tomek to work on developing a grade school music program.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Father has in discussion with a retired banker about possibly working for St. Michael parish as a Development Director. This would be a new position and he possibly would head up the capital campaign for the new school in 2009 and would be involved in identifying and developing sources of funding outside of the parish. This position would be dependent on a number of variables. Father said he will continue discussion and consultation with a number of people about such a position.

PARISH FAMILIES

The parish added its 480th family today (Dec. 11). Looking at projections that were made 2 years ago about the parish's growth projections, those projections are right on track.

ALCOHOL POLICY

Father said he believes there is a need for an alcohol policy for St. Michael parish. Now that the Old Cheney Public School has become available for use, there are many more opportunities for different types of functions. From an insurance viewpoint, Catholic Mutual has clearly defined policies regarding alcohol usage. There was discussion among council members about having a two tier alcohol policy. A policy possibly would include no alcohol for family gatherings where children would be present. Alcohol might only be allowed at adult only functions.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Father said appears that this year's \$10,000 matching endowment grant for the new school will be reached.

ALTAR BOYS

Father is looking for someone to help train the boys on another night and/or time than what is currently scheduled.

CLERICAL HELP

Nikki Dolan, one of the parish's part time secretaries will be open to more hours next year when her children are in school. This would help Father with parish clerical obligations

PARISH ELECTIONS

Father is looking for someone to organize the parish council elections. The elections are to be held at the end of April or May 2009.