

Parish Council Meeting Notes November 13, 2008

Saint Michael Parish Council met Thursday November 13, 2008 with Fr. Borowiak, Ed Perry, Kent Davenport, Evelyn Janousek, Pat Wagner, Jerry Bixenmann, Patty Marmie, and , John Pfeiler in attendance. Father opened the meeting with a prayer.

Cheney Public School- The Diocese of Lincoln purchased the Cheney Public School property in a deal that closed October 30, 2008. The property includes approximately 3 acres of land, the 90 yr. old school building, 2 portable classroom modules and the new building which includes a gym. St. Michael parish has unrestricted use of the property and is responsible for paying usage fees (sewage, water, electrical, etc.) Plans are being pursued to move the two portable classroom modules off of the property.

St. Michael Building Plan-In discussions with the developer of the proposed St. Michael new building property a decision has been made to adjust the grading plan for the site to drop the gym three-fourths of a floor. A meeting of the parish building committee is scheduled for Monday, November 17 to discuss how this re-grade will affect the placement of the elevator and other floor plan consideration.

Building Timetable- The current projected timetable for our building project is: Begin a Capital Campaign in the fall of 2009, Break ground in the spring of 2010, and open the school in the fall of 2011.

Catholic School Survey- The council reviewed and made revisions to a survey developed with the assistance of former Gallup personnel. The plan is to send the survey out to all parishioners along with additional information on the building project.

Advent mailing- Fr. is planning an Advent mailing to all parish families. The mailing will include an Advent prayer book for families, a card listing Mass times for the Advent and Christmas season and activities for families.

Parish Finances-The council reviewed parish financial information including the parish's obligations to the six Catholic schools attended by Saint Michael students, the status of the Pius High School campaign, the Charity and Stewardship Appeal, DDP update, and a listing of the balances in the Parish accounts.

Part-Time Youth Minister-Fr. presented the idea of having a Marian Sister assist the parish in the role as part-time youth minister. The council responded positively to this suggestion and encouraged him to follow up on it.

Census follow-up- Fr. reported continued success with the Census and follow-up. At least 6 families have returned to attending Mass.

Missionary efforts-It was been suggested to Fr. that our parish undertake a missionary project. After some discussion it was decided that perhaps the parish at-large could be polled to identify in which areas people are interested and to further explore the area of missionary outreach.

Cheney gym- Fr. suggested the Christmas Potluck and the Cookie Walk be planned for the Cheney gym. This would provide an opportunity for parishioners to see the new facility as well as accommodate the events more comfortably. Patty asked if the parish had plans to provide tables for the Cheney gym. Tables would allow for future fundraising events including dinners, etc. A request was made for round tables instead of rectangular. More study needs to be done to determine cost for 4-6 rectangular tables and 10 round tables. Fr. asked if perhaps the Knights and the Altar Society could split the cost.