

St. John the Baptist Church
Parish Council Meeting
August 10, 2009

Present: Sister Kent, Fr. Kuhn, Mary Klein, Mike Brehm, Mark Ernst, Rob Burds, Mike McKenna, Steve Hoeger, Annette Kress, John Lembezeder, Rick Demmer and Ron Brosius

Fr. Kuhn called the meeting to order and led the Council in prayer.

Annette Kress presented the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by John Lembezeder to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Mike Brehm.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Mark Ernst represented the Finance Committee and reviewed the current Balance Sheet and proposed budget for the new fiscal year. He noted that we need a 14.4% increase in the budget envelopes to meet the new budget figures.

Ideas were discussed by the Council on ways to increase the income from budget envelopes. A letter will be put together to alert parishioners to the budget needs and review highlights from the previous year. The letter will, also, promote the benefits to both the parishioners and the parish in the use of EFT deposits. This will be distributed in September.

Steve Hoeger will be working with Fr. Kuhn, the Finance Committee and Mary Klein to solidify actions to be used for bringing in more income from non-contributing parishioners. This needs to be monitored closely.

Rob Burds moved to approve the 2009-2010 Budget. Mary Klein seconded this motion and it was carried with a unanimous vote.

Building & Grounds Committee

A committee was established to review land and building improvements needed. This committee will consist of the Finance Committee, Jerry Spiegel, and Jim Koetz.

New Business:

Rick Demmer announced that the Education Board, chaired by Kathy Demmer, will be putting together a parish time & talents needs list to be distributed in the next couple of weeks.

A request was received from the Auction Committee Chairpersons (Todd & Jill Rothenberger and Rick & Nancy Olsem) to approve the sale of 1st row seats for Christmas Mass at the auction. The council approved this request.

Old Business:

The proposed sale of land to A.J. Spiegel was declined. Mary Smock contacted Steve Hoeger and notified him that a grant proposal has been submitted to get funds for the school capital campaign. The results of this request will be made on Aug. 31st. Due to these events, the decision to determine how to proceed with the sale of the parish land has been put on hold until the next council meeting.

Fr. Kuhn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mike Brehm.

Next Meeting September 14, 2009 @ 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Kress