

**St. John the Baptist Church
Parish Council Meeting
January 11, 2010**

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

Invited Guests: Mark Ernst, Sandy Ludovissy, Ken Kress

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

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

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Mark Ernst presented the Balance Sheet and Income Statement for July 09 – Dec. 09. Income was below budget. However, expenses were, also, below budget, which helped to offset this deficit. Steve suggested removing budget line items for building and ground improvements. Instead, he would like to ask for donations to be designated for specific projects. Also, the new fundraiser, Garage Sale, will be added to the income budget.

Mark, also, brought a proposal for all outstanding improvements that may be needed for the parish. In addition, the committee explored possible options for going about getting the parishioners to be aware of what they are giving and requesting pledges from those that are not. Steve will set up a committee meeting to create the statement/pledge card mailing. In addition, the direct deposit form will be included in this mailing. Annette will work with Sue to create a mail merge for this mailing.

Old Business:

Ken Kress gave a status on the sale of the church property. Some interest is occurring among a couple potential buyers. These buyers are looking for an investor, with the hope to purchase a portion of the entire parcel. He recommended considering a drop in the price. This will be tabled until next meeting to allow time for the council members to consider the options.

A Parish Garage Sale has been scheduled for April 16 – 17. This is the same weekend as the Peosta City-wide garage sale. Items will be received on Wed. and the sale of items will begin on Thurs. night. Anything not sold by noon on Saturday can be picked up by the donor or these remaining items will be put on the Goodwill truck.

New Business:

Sandy Ludivossy presented changes for the 2010 Fish Fry. They would like to increase the price to \$10 per person. They would, also, like to change the ending time to 8:00pm, instead of 8:30pm. Finally, Sandy asked for guidance on advertising. The council recommended limiting paid advertising to the Cascade Pioneer/Dyersville Commercial. A motion was made by Mike McKenna to approve all of these changes and this was seconded by Rick Demmer.

Steve Hoeger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Rob Burds.

Next Meeting – Feb. 1st @ 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Kress