

**St. John the Baptist Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**July 6, 2009**

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

Fr. Kuhn called the meeting to order and led the Council in prayer. He, then, asked Tom McCoy to preside over the meeting until the election of officers was complete

**Committee Reports:**

Tom McCoy reviewed the current standing and stipulations of the sale of Church property as agreed upon by the previous council. He reminded the new council that it had been approved to sell the property for the appraised amount or above. He, also, reviewed previous discussions regarding options to sell the property as a whole or in separate sections, which could require additional costs. The council is currently waiting on a offer from a potential buyer.

**New Business:**

Election of Officers: Steve Hoeger was nominated and elected as President; John Lembezeder was elected Vice President; and, Annette Kress was elected to the position of Secretary.

Goals for the new Council: Steve reviewed the following goals for the upcoming year – 1) Sale of Property for Seton Campaign, 2) Reaching out to new parishioners, and 3) Defining and meeting Parish Community needs

Finance Committee Report: Mark Ernst has been elected to the position of Chairperson; Peggy Lehman and Todd Burds are the other 2 members of this committee. They are currently working on the 2009/2010 budget. We are still showing a deficit of \$28000+. This is the first deficit in 5 years. The committee is looking for ways to get more parishioners to contribute on a regular basis. We, currently, have 586 envelope holders, with 216 non-contributing members. Peggy reviewed previous budget determination criteria. The new budget is expected to be ready for the next meeting on Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>. However, this budget will be lacking a concrete value for the Seton Subsidy, which will not be available until Oct. The council asked that the Finance Committee provide quarterly updates to be reviewed by the Parish Council.

New Committee Requirements: Fr. Kuhn reviewed the need for new committees, which will be required by the Arch Diocese prior to July of 2010. These include: Liturgy, Faith Formation, and Social Concerns.

The council agreed that an Altar & Rosary Society member should be invited to attend scheduled Parish Council meetings.

John Lembezeder informed the council that Mary Beth has renewed her contract as Director of Religious Education. She will be attending the next meeting to discuss some new ideas that she has for the program.

Steve Hoeger reviewed the current status of the Seton Campaign for the benefit of the new members. The council, then, discussed a proposed offer that was received from a potential buyer. A counter-offer was written and approved by a closed unanimous vote.

John Lembezeder moved to adjourn the meeting and Mike Brehm seconded it.

**Next Meeting August 10, 2009 @ 7pm**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Annette Kress