

**St. John the Baptist Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**May 3, 2010**

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

Guests: Mary Smock, Paul Kronlage, Mark Ernst, Barb Hermsen, Ken Kress, Jennifer Webber, Shari Greenwood

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 Mike McKenna to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Rick Demmer.

**Old Business:**

Garage Sale – Jennifer Webber gave a summary of the event held in April. Proceeds from this event reached \$918. She made the following suggestions for next year: 1. Serve a lunch at Shannon Hall – next year Charlie Lundgen would donate ½ of the cost for food sales; 2. Host a Bake Sale (sponsored by St. John’s Altar Rosary Society or Youth Group); 3. Might be better to not hold this event on the same weekend as the Community Wide Garage Sales – week before? Jennifer noted that there were not too many volunteers, but, they did have enough help. The Council members thanked her for sponsoring and hosting this event.

Seton School – Mary and Paul reviewed the current status of the Seton Campaign and expected building plan and costs. Currently, there is a shortage of funds to begin this project. They are hoping that the sale of the parish land will help to fill this void. In addition, the archdiocese can provide financing for shortfall. However, this would need to be approved by all 5 parishes. The Seton board is looking for in-kind donations to reduce costs. They, also, indicated that the Seton endowment fund interest could help support any interest debt incurred during the building of the school. The board prefers not to have debt, but, there is no guarantee. The committee feels that we are too close to not move forward with the campaign at this time.

Deanery Update – John Greenwood, our representative, reviewed a recent update to the Pastoral Council manual and requirements for defining and developing a Parish Council. The Deanery Council is asking for councils to focus on consensus decision-making. He passed this on to Steve, as president of the council, to be reviewed at forth-coming meetings. The Deanery is asking that the requirements are reviewed and met in the next year.

Parish Land Sale – The potential sale of the land was discussed.

**New Business:**

Council Nominations - We discussed potential candidates for the Parish Council nominations. A list was developed and Steve Hoeger agreed to call each of parish members for acceptance of these nominations.

Sr. Kent brought it to the council’s attention that a hand rail is needed at the altar for assisting parishioners when climbing the stairs. Mike Brehm offered to look into this.

The Summer Picnic, with both Parish Councils, was scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family – 6:00pm.

Fr. Kuhn, also, announced that the Family Fun Night has been scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Annette Kress made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by John Lembezeder.

**Next Meeting – Summer Picnic – Meeting will be skipped until July**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Annette Kress