

# St. Catherine of Alexandria

8661 N. 76<sup>th</sup> Place, Milwaukee, WI 53223

St. Catherine Parish is committed to worshipping God and His Son, Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. We are dedicated to living the Word of God by our Christian example. We shall achieve this through service to our Parish and stewardship of our time, talent and treasure.

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Present:** Debbie Hintz, Parish Director; Mary Konshak, Chairperson; Barbara Holt, Vice-Chairperson; Ken Laczniaik; Ed Schwanke, Trustee; Jack Fox, Trustee; Ellie Okunseri; John Scholz; Renee Serre; Bob Wazniak

**Absent:** Frank Maier, Secretary

### Opening Prayer

Bob Wazniak led the opening prayer.

### Comments from Parishioners

A computer class attendee enjoyed the class and appreciated the time spent on it.

### Approval of March Minutes

Renee motioned to approve the March minutes and Bob seconded the motion. The March minutes were approved.

### Nomination Committee Update

Ken reported that an election will be held the weekend of May 15-16th. 6 nominees have agreed to be candidates. Ellie will serve out her term, so we don't need a replacement for her. However, Jerry Wolf has resigned from the council effective immediately with two remaining years on his term. He will also be leaving the parish. Thus, 3 new council members will fill full 3-year terms and 1 new council member will serve as Jerry's replacement for 2 years. Sample ballots will be in bulletins this weekend. Council members are needed to count votes after the 10:30 Mass on May 16th.

### First Look at 2010-11 Budget

A first draft was handed out. Right now, we are \$14 ahead. Health insurance is projected to increase 16% next year with salaries frozen at current levels. There is a chance the insurance increase will still be changed, however. The budget includes \$55,000 subsidy for Northwest Catholic. Staff here was asked to balance their budgets. Faith in Our Future grants, if obtained, would apply to Northwest Catholic since education is a priority for the grants. There was some discussion on specific line items. The budget will be brought up again in May.

### Ministries Fair Debriefing

An evaluation will be sent out by the Stewardship Committee which met last night. They are thinking of doing a ministries fair every other year. Some 4:30 Mass attendees did not receive raffle tickets as they left church. People enjoyed visiting at each session. There was a good spirit, despite the rainy weather. A suggestion for the future was to promote the fair by putting baskets in back of church prior to the event. Tables felt crowded versus spacing them apart so more people could be at a table. Perhaps food could be spread around at tables rather than in the corners. Posters may be seen again in the future, based on committee feedback.

### Parish Director's Report

Northwest Catholic

Interviews have been conducted for two principals as the principal at the East Campus has decided to return to teaching. Two offers have been extended with one accepting. The jobs start July 1st.

Graduation plans are set and the students are happy with them. There is concern about St. Bernadette's share of the parish subsidy. A meeting with their trustees, Debbie and the school business manager is set for this Friday (April 30th) to discuss budget options.

Landscaping

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A scout who needed an Eagle Scout project will be working in May on the landscaping around the front entrance of the school as well as the north side of the church.

## Debbie's Renewal

Debbie has still not heard if she will be renewed but she isn't worried.

## Other

There was nothing else to report.

## Committee Reports

### Christian Formation

Nicole is going to focus this committee on adult formation and education, such as retreats. The hope is that people will join the committee if they know it is centering on adult education. She is also excited about a Catholic youth group from St. Lucia called Youth on Fire that will be in Wisconsin and at St. Catherine in early October. They will perform a concert here. They will also join together with our Freshmen and Sophomores for a retreat. The youth group is made up of high school age teens and its purpose is to help keep youth off the streets and out of gangs.

### Finance/Administrative Services – John Scholz

\$37,000 is in the Faith in Our Future account. At the end of March there was a deficit of \$82,400. Our parish subsidy for Northwest Catholic is expected to be about \$51,000.

### Human Concerns – Ken Lacznik

There was no meeting in April (they meet every other month). The next meeting is May 10th.

### Parish Life – Renee Serre

The next meeting is May 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Prayer & Worship – Barbara Holt

The committee met on April 6th and reviewed Holy Week services which had good choir turnout though Masses were not as well attended as last year, though there were still enough people to warrant the need for a third Mass on Easter Sunday. Details were completed for the Ministries Fair regarding table, poster and display materials. The next meeting is May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m.

### School Advisory Board – Bob Wazniak

(See Debbie's report) The next meeting is May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Stewardship – Ellie Okunseri

The committee met April 26th to review the Ministries Fair and write thank you notes to raffle donors. The next meeting will be June 28th.

## What are you hearing?

Nothing to report.

## May 11th 'State of the School' Meeting and Decision on May 25th Meeting

This is to update the three Parish Councils and Finance Committees on Northwest Catholic. It was decided that our Parish Council meeting will be held after that update, hopefully limited to 30 minutes or so with committee reports limited to critical topics only. (NOTE: agenda items: budget; sign-up sheet for potluck for our June meeting) Several Council members offered to bring snacks and Debbie will provide beverages. Therefore, our May 25th meeting is cancelled.

## June New Members 'Sign-In' Meeting

This inaugural meeting for new members has been a potluck in the past. Current members will provide food for the June 22nd meeting (NOTE: the listing of June 29th is incorrect.) The meeting will take place in the Parish Office area.

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## **Closing Prayer**

Bob led the closing prayer.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Frank Maier, Secretary, Parish Council, with assistance from Barbara Holt.