

St. Catherine of Alexandria

8661 N. 76th 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

October 27th, 2009

Present: Debbie Hintz, Parish Director; Mary Konshak; Chairperson; Barbara Holt, Vice-Chairperson; Frank Maier, Secretary; Jack Fox, Trustee; Ed Schwanke, Trustee; Ken Laczniak; Ellie Okunseri; John Scholz; Renee Serre; Jerry Wolf

Absent: Bob Wazniak

Opening Prayer

Jack Fox led the opening prayer.

Approval of September Minutes

Ken motioned to approve the minutes. Barb seconded the motion. The Council approved the September minutes.

Review of Updated Budget

Debbie handed out a summary of the 2009-2010 budget. The budget shows a deficit of about \$73k. We have more definite figures for school at this time. The original budget presented to the Council budgeted \$112,000 for our school subsidy, but at this point it is \$87,268.17. However, the first budget didn't take into account school salaries and benefits from 2008-09 that needed to be paid in July and August '09. This cost amounted to approximately \$66,672.04. So the school total is now at \$153,940.21.

Barb asked about if the Archdiocese requires a balanced budget. Debbie reported that Shari asked the CFO of the Archdiocese how long they let a parish go with a deficit budget. He noted that we are on our way to a balanced budget now that our school is closed and once the teacher costs are off our books. They want to see that we are taking steps to eliminate deficits in the future and we have taken a big step in this direction by merging our schools. He also recognized that we also have a healthy amount in our reserve funds. One other item of note is the higher parish expenses for this year. The reason for this is some school expenses were taken on by parish, like building maintenance. A vote on this budget summary was not necessary.

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Community Education Center Discussion

There were parishioner input sessions after Sunday masses (10/24) and one more after this Saturday's mass (10/31). Debbie reviewed the questions asked of the parishioners and asked the Council for any additional ideas. Debbie took detailed notes to bring back to the Tri-parish committee.

November 14th Retreat Day Details

The Council/staff retreat starts at 9:30am in the Parish Office. The Director of Christian Formation at Sts. Peter and Paul will lead the retreat. Refreshments will be out at 9:00am and lunch will be served around noon. The retreat ends at 3:00pm.

Closing Prayer

Jack Fox led the closing prayer.

Meeting handout: 2009-2010 Budget Overview, dated 9/29/09