

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

St. Patrick/St. Michael Parishes

April 21, 2009 - 7:00 pm at St. Michael's in Dane

We began our meeting with prayer.

In attendance besides Father Higuera were council members Thom Rabaglia, Rick Mills, Matt Zeman, Judy Miller, Tom Karls, Barb Taylor, Janet Lonergan, Marilyn Ziegler and Karen Pursell.

Also in attendance were St. Patrick's Trustee, Herb Karls and St. Michael's Trustees Joseph Clemens, and Albert Deans.

Mike Hochstein, representative of the Knights of Columbus, and Sharon Sellner, chairperson of the Trusting the Spirit committee were also in attendance.

Our agenda was approved and we got a brief update on "Trusting the Spirit" from committee members Thom Rabaglia and Sharon Sellner.

It was noted that our new council members and trustee will join us at our next parish council meeting. We will be getting 5 new council members from St. Patricks and two from St. Michaels. We will also be getting one new trustee from St. Patricks.

Our next order of business was further discussion of the Annual Catholic Appeal and the Parish Assessment (tax). It was noted that there will be discussion at the masses this weekend (April 25th and 26th). Father explained further that we can mail our donations for the Annual Catholic Appeal directly to the diocese or give our envelopes to him and he will mail them in. Be sure to make it clear what parish and city/village you are from, as there may be more than one St. Patrick's or St. Michael's in the diocese. Our parishes will get credit for all of the donations that come from our parishioners. We will get pledge forms and envelopes directly from the diocese for this appeal. Father also explained that we will be getting envelopes in our packets to make it easier to make payments to the Parish Assessment (tax).

We discussed the Bishop's wish that several parishes join together for confirmations in the future. Three or more parishes could hold their confirmation ceremony together at one of the larger churches. Confirmation classes should be at least 30 confirmants. The parishes would have their individual confirmation classes, but join together for the ceremony.

Rick Mills gave us an update on the new roof at St. Michael's. The work will likely be completed by the last week in April. The parish has collected approximately \$60,000 so far for this project and still needs to collect an additional \$21,000. There will be an additional \$8,000 to \$11,000 in repairs needed eventually when the donations have all been collected.

There was a discussion about creating a PTO or School Board for St. Michael's School. It was noted that we should get some direction from the diocese before going forward on this.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 12th at St. Patrick's in Lodi @ 7:00 pm

(NOTE: This is not our usual night, but one week earlier!)