

## BASILICA BRIEFS - May 2010

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**, met on May 6 at 7 pm. Present: Fr. Kruse, Deacon Jerry Miller, Ann Heisler, Mike Helle, Janet Stelken, Joan Recker, Mark Kronlage, Bart Osterhaus, Ben Thier and Mary Kruse. April minutes were approved.

In OLD BUSINESS -

- Finance per Larry Knipper: Discussed building & grounds report and the Responsibility Agreement. The change in this agreement is the School Building & Grounds Committee will need to have prior approval from the Parish Finance Committee before signing agreements/contracts for projects. Any project over \$5,000 will need a signed proxy from the Archdiocese before entering into any agreement for the project. The Parish/School Building & Ground's Committees will be two separate entities. Decisions for the interior of the buildings are the schools decision and the exterior is both the school & Parish. The sellers for the Storm Lake Apt. Complex will present a written proposal. The Council reviewed & approved the budget reduction of \$30,000.00 for the Parish as follows: Rental home transaction is final & will eliminate the utilities, taxes & insurance; plans to abandon convent by Dec, 2010; increase fees for services including weddings & funerals and volunteers to cut lawn & shovel snow. Each contract will be reviewed and adjustments made.
- Liturgy & Spiritual Life per Mary Kruse: Corpus Christi procession & lunch following has been planned. Working on a plan to receive Communion from the cup. Collection will be brought up with the gifts starting May 29. A graduation Mass is planned for May 16, students will Lector & be Eucharistic Ministers. We will start offering Children's Liturgy at the Saturday evening 4:00 Mass in September. More volunteers will be needed and they will need to complete the Virtus Training.
- Parish Life per Mike Helle: The farewell for Fr. Kruse will be June 26/27. The welcome for Fr. Quint will be July 17/18. The board did not receive any feed back for interest in singles events. After discussion, parish golf tournament will be a 4 person best shot and not as a couple. The Welcome Committee met to make a few changes to make newcomers feel welcomed and get acquainted. Mary Kruse proposed that newcomers receive a letter thanking them for joining and to have a "Welcome Sunday" once each month in the church basement with juice, coffee, rolls & doughnuts, to meet the welcome committee and receive a welcome packet.
- Board of Education per Janet Stelken, reported on minutes. Social Concerns per Joan Recker, reported on the Haiti trip.
- Parish Council elections: 23 letters have been sent to interested parishioners. Elections will be June 5/6.
- Website Responses: The board agreed to remove all links to other schools. Only St. Francis Xavier Grade School, Beckman and Xavier CCD program links will be listed. More additions and changes on the site will follow.
- Parish Mission Statement: "The mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish is to offer, in the name of Jesus Christ, rich and varied avenues of worship, Catholic education, social services and community life to all age groups within our parish to support the active practice of our Catholic faith in all that we do." The statement was approved.

In NEW BUSINESS -

- Cluster update: New Cluster Council board members must review the Cluster Constitution that has been approved. An orientation of the new members is critical as a part of each individual parish. The May 12 meeting has been canceled.
- Changes in the Roman Missal should be available by 2011. Father will review the Manual for Pastoral Councils vision statement & goals. The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held June 10.

**The FINANCE COUNCIL** met May 20. Present: Alan Brunsmann, Tom Klaren, Larry Knipper, Jude Milbert, Carl Schwendinger, Julie Wieneke and Fr. Kruse. Scott DeSousa was absent. Ted Deacon & Bonnie Steffensmeier were also in attendance. April minutes were approved. Financial report: Sunday giving report was discussed, April balance sheet was reviewed, Xavier School Board April financial report was reviewed, proposed 2010-2011 budget was reviewed and approved.

In OLD BUSINESS -

- Buildings & Grounds report per Larry: Getting an estimate for sealing the school blacktop parking lot. Reviewed Lynch Roofing & Siding's bid for replacing the school garage roof with an EPDM Roof System, (will try to get another bid for a pitched roof). The shower stall in Fr. Kruse's quarters needs to be replaced.
- Capital Campaign Update: Funds received since last report - \$16,892.15. Since last meeting \$16,900 repaid to the Archdiocese. Balance remaining on loan - \$1,173,350.00. Building cost of \$3,664,007.91 to build and \$2,635,352.74 has been paid in pledges. Outstanding pledges at this time total \$300,932.05. Sending a letter to all the contributors asking for an increase in their pledge is being considered.
- Parish cookbook update: 2,559 cookbooks sold to date.
- Council discussed the proposed purchase of McCord Manor Apartments of Storm Lake with Ted Deacon. Members decided not to pursue this offer. Fr. Kruse will draft a letter to the donors with our response.
- Fr. Kruse appointed two new members to the Finance committee: Ted Deacon & Tom Lucas.

In NEW BUSINESS - Deacon Jerry Miller did not renew his contract. His replacement will be discussed with Fr. Quint. Recommend replacing him with part-time rather than full-time staff.

The next meeting will be June 17 at 7:00 am.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BOARD of EDUCATION** met April 12 in school. Present: Tom Hageman, Angela English, Terry Kluesner, Heidi Wall, Barry Koelker, Kathy Valant, Janet Stelken, Deacon Fred Pins and Peter Smith. March minutes and financial report were approved.

Peggy Keegan, Technology Lab, gave an overview of the use of Technology in the classrooms and sample work from each grade.

Vacation Bible School: Kathy Valant will order a kit. Program will be held the week of June 21. Volunteers will be needed.

Deacon Fred reported on the Religious Education. The last Religious Ed class will be April 21. Deacon Fred indicated the Religious Ed Program will be under purview of the Board of Ed for the 2010-2011 school year.

Peter gave the Principal's report: He reported on teacher contracts, preliminary results from the State visit, preliminary results from the Archdiocesan audit, textbook money can now be used for laptops. Annual Alumni Appeal will be going out for new classroom furniture and the final Schwan's fundraiser for the school year (out April 22, pickup May 7). Mandatory Family Service Hours were discussed. More discussion next month. The school will need to purchase a lawn mower. Peter & Luke have been in touch with Paul Helle. The Band fee was discussed with Pat Meade. Enrollment numbers for the 2010-2011 school year. Peter Smith informed the board that Luke Domeyer, school custodian, has recently opened his own woodworking shop. He may reduce his hours in the future but no change for now. Peter will have the Constitution ready for the May meeting. Carrie Nauman, school fundraising, is researching possible fundraising activities for RAGBRAI.

SCRIP program: Volunteers are looking at running a contest/promotion to increase sales. Also discussed stopping school orders. Volunteers are desperately needed.

Future brick work was discussed. The Building & Grounds toured the school to report to the Parish Council what needs to be done. Either tuckpoint or rebrick the building. Daryl Nauman will be representing the school at the next Finance meeting.

The Board entered into executive session. The next meeting will be May 10 in the Art Room.