

Joseph's Parish Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2011

1. **Attendance:** Chairman Tom Rongen called the January 5, 2011 meeting to order at St. Joseph's Family Living Room in Fertile. Other council members present were April Swenby, Pat Erickson, Rob Lisburg, Father Antony, & Ervin Vigness. Others in attendance were Sister Mary Jean Gust and Jane Vigness. The meeting was led in prayer by Chairman Tom Rongen.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** A **Motion** was made by Council Member Erickson to approve the agenda as presented, **Seconded** by Council Member Lisburg, **Carried**.
3. **Minutes:** A **Motion** was made by Council Member Vigness to approve the minutes of the St. Joseph's regular council meeting conducted on October 13, 2010, **Seconded** by Council Member Lisburg, **Carried**.

4. **Reports:**

**Building Committee:** Minutes from the previous meeting were given to the members. Council Member Vigness suggested that a survey be given to the parish to re-verify the consensus of the parish for building a new church. Council Member Vigness questions whether or not our parish can afford the proposed project and felt that the goal set wasn't realistic. Swenby will develop a suggested survey for the building committee to evaluate.

Communication between the building committee and the parish needs to be better. The building committee is aware and will strive to increase the communication lines. They will post and hold open meetings.

Fundraising for the project needs to proceed forward. Council Member Erickson will speak with some parishioners to develop a committee.

**Altar & Rosary Society Report:** The minutes from the November 3, 2010 meeting were reviewed and read.

**RE/Youth:** No report

**Liturgy Committee Meeting:** Swenby will write a thank you note to the Genty Parish for their donation of a new altar. The Liturgy Committee will discuss where to put our old altar.

**Committee List:** A committee list was given to each member as discussed at the previous council meeting.

**Religious Adult Formation.** A Christmas preparation from biblical characters will was held on Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m. throughout advent and Father was pleased with the turn out.

Father Tony prepared the council members that new liturgy words will be used during mass in the upcoming year. Changes will be in the Responsorial Psalm and the Roman Missal has a third translation. Prayers will be changing as well. Father Tony is preparing instructions for the parishioners and will place them in the pews. Changes will be implemented by Advent 2011.

**Church Repairs:** Council Member Lisburg is willing to repair the lost insulation in the house. A **Motion** was made by Council Member Swenby to authorize Council Member Lisburg to replace the insulation at his estimated cost of about \$500, **Seconded** by Council Member Erickson, **Carried.**

The water heater in the church basement is leaking. John Berhow has been contacted.

#### 6. New Business:

**Anniversary of Roe Vs. Wade:** Swenby reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community March for Life is tentatively planned for January 26<sup>th</sup>. She is still waiting for confirmation from the other parishes.

**Lenten Schedule:** Father Tony reviewed the Lenten schedule with the Parish Council.

**Feast of St. Joseph:** The Feast of St. Joseph was schedule for March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. Jane Vigness will invite the Bishop to attend.

7. **Adjournment:** The next regular meeting of the St. Joseph's Parish Council will be at 7 PM on March 6, 2011 the St. Joseph's church. As there was no further business to come before the parish council, a **Motion** was made by Council Member Lisburg to adjourn the meeting, **Seconded** by Council Member Erickson, **Carried.**

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Respectfully Submitted, April Swenby ó Secretary