

**St. Joseph's Parish Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 4, 2009**

1. **Attendance:** Chairman Tom Rongen called the February 4, 2009 meeting to order at St. Joseph's Church in Fertile. Other council members present were Rob Lisburg, Craig Larson, April Swenby, Kirsten Fuglseth, Msgr. Roger Grundhaus, & Pat Erickson.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** A **Motion** was made by Council Member Swenby to approve the agenda as presented with minor additions, **Seconded** by Council Member Erickson, **Carried**.
3. **Minutes:** A **Motion** was made by Council Member Swenby to approve the minutes of the St. Joseph's regular council meeting conducted on December 3, 2008, **Seconded** by Council Member Erickson, **Carried**.

**4. Reports:**

**Altar & Rosary Society Report:** There were no members present from the Altar & Rosary Society to give a report. Chairman Rongen reviewed their current statement of finances with the group.

**RE/Youth:** Council Member Fuglseth reported that Ray Holcraft, Diocesan Director of Youth met with the youth committee and another meeting is scheduled. Msgr. Grundhaus read the youth group meeting minutes to group which are attached to the regular parish council meeting minutes. Council Member Fuglseth suggested taking the youth to the concert *New Boys* because they are coming to Moorhead and Bemidji in April.

**Why Catholic:** There are two *Why Catholic?* groups still meeting.

**St. Joseph's Family Fun Day:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Fun day was deemed a success. It was reported at 33 adults and 20 youth attended the event.

**Liturgy Committee Meeting:** The previous meeting was cancelled due to Minnesota weather. A new meeting has not yet been set. The mass for the Feast of St. Joseph has been set for March 19, 2009.

**Finance Council:** Msgr. Grundhaus read the finance report ending January 31, 2009. We have not yet met the budget and are currently under the projected expenses. A \$20,000 CD was purchased for the building fund. Money for the CD came from donations and excess operations.

**5. Old Business:**

**Maintenance:** A new 8x10 shed was purchased for seasonal/religious education/extra supplies for \$1046 from KBI in Twin Valley.

**Strategic Planning:** The architect , Milton Yergens, has been attending mass and visiting with parishioners. Yergens will be paid \$5000 for the sketches he proposed. He has developed a draft for a proposed new church. A tour of churches is being planned. Council Member Larson expressed concern regarding the square foot price this church is going to cost.

**Crookston K-C Fish Fry:** A **Motion** was made by Council Member Swenby to host the annual KC Fish Fry on March 17, 2009, **Seconded** by Council Member Lisburg, **Carried.**

## 6. New Business:

**House Insulation:** Council Member Swenby reported that Aaron Swenby assessed the insulation at the house as per Sister Mary Jean's request. Swenby stated that house has an average of 8 inches of insulation and some spots are bare. It is his recommendation to blow in additional insulation. He has estimated that the cost will be between \$1000 - \$1500 in materials and blower rental to bring the insulation up to code, depending on the number of bags needed. A **Motion** was made by Council Member Lisburg authorizing Council Member Larson to obtain 2 bids, select the most affordable price, purchase materials, and complete the project, **Seconded** by Council Member Fuglseth, **Carried.**

**Fuel:** Council Member Larson reported that Beltrami Fuel Oil has tried to re-fill our fuel tank, but it has always been full. Larson stated that a misunderstanding had occurred and Fertile Oil thought this was their year to fill the fuel oil. Larson reported that because Fertile Oil has filled our tank, we may be unable to fulfill our 2000 gallon contract with Beltrami Fuel Oil.

**Election of New officers:** The term for Council Member Fuglseth and Council Member Larson will be up in April. Fuglseth has run 2 terms so she will be unable to seek re-election. Larson will seek reelection. Fuglseth will assist Swenby with the re-election process and they will seek 2 new people to run for election on the last Sunday in April.

7. **Adjournment:** The next regular meeting of the St. Joseph's Parish Council will be on May 13, 2009 at 6 PM at the Sand Hill Supper Club and Lounge. As there was no further business to come before the parish council, a **Motion** was made by Council Member Larson to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, **Seconded** by Council Member Lisburg, **Carried.**

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Respectfully Submitted, April Swenby - Secretary