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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
January 8, 2008 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Parish Rectory Basement

Attendees: Fr. Hunke, Jeff Goeser, Candy Higgins, Jerry King, Chris Vos, Phyllis Brunken, Dawn Vondra, Connie Wishard, Paula Betzold, Ryan Novacek

Absent: Mel Schrader, Kevin Donahue

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

Paula Betzold led the group in prayer/reflection.

⇒ **Minutes**

- The December 11, 2007 minutes were approved by the committee.

⇒ **Parish Directory**

- Informal approval of the Parish Directory was accomplished at the Christmas Party in December. Father Hunke indicated the directory would be ready the next Sunday.

⇒ **Winter Retreat**

- The Parish Council retreat will be held on February 16, 2008 from 10 am to 2 pm at the rectory. The retreat will replace the normal parish council meeting. Chris Vos requested that everyone take the strength inventory and forward the results to him. Jeremy Belsky will be facilitating the retreat.

⇒ **Financial Report**

- Jerry King provided the council with a copy of our current financial report from Jim McCune, parish Business Manager. Father read a letter from Jim to be printed in a future issue of the bulletin. The letter addressed our current financial status and options for a future building time frame.

⇒ **New Parish Council Member**

- Father will be soliciting someone to serve on the Parish Council. He would prefer someone who is new to the parish in the past year.

⇒ **Fish Fry**

- The dates for this year's Lenten fish fry: February 8, February 22, March 7.

- ⇒ **Feed My Sheep Campaign**
 - Phyllis Brunken reported that parish has met our assessed amount and that the campaign is now closed.

- ⇒ **Website**
 - Father Hunke again discussed hiring a web manager.

- ⇒ **Vision Statement**
 - Despite a request for volunteers, Father reported we are still in need of people to work on the parish vision statement. It was decided that the Parish Council members will each try to earmark a person from the parish that would then be invited to serve on this committee. Chris Vos, Candy Higgins and Paula Betzold will facilitate.

- ⇒ **Building Goals**
 - Father reported that a luncheon meeting is scheduled this week to discuss goals for breaking ground by the end of the year.

- ⇒ **Parish Growth Status**
 - Father reported that we currently have approximately 350 families registered at St. Charles Borromeo.

- ⇒ **Closing Prayer:** Paula Betzold concluded the meeting with prayer.

- ⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** Jerry King adjourned the meeting.

- ⇒ **Next Meeting:**
 - When: Tuesday March 11, 2008.
 - Times: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
 - Where: Rectory Basement
 - Prayer/reflection volunteer: Jeff Goeser

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
Special Session: Parish Pastoral Council
February 28, 2008 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Parish Rectory Basement

Attendees: Fr. Hunke, Jeff Goeser, Candy Higgins, Jerry King, Chris Vos, Phyllis Brunken, Dawn Vondra, Paula Betzold, Ryan Novacek, Mel Schrader

Absent: Connie Wishard, Patricia Getze

The special session of the Parish Pastoral Council was called to order by President Jerry King.

Phyllis Brunken led the group in prayer/reflection.

➤ **Building**

Discussion during this meeting centered upon the issue of breaking ground by October 4 as opposed to waiting another six months. The primary decision for all concerned was the issue of finances. Can we afford a \$5.5 million loan? The finance committee provided input that indicated we could handle the financial burden but would leave the parish quite extended. After much discussion, Jerry polled the members who agreed on two issues:

1. Breaking ground should take place no later than October 4, 2008.
2. The parish should ask for a \$5.5 million loan but spend cautiously—perhaps attempting to stay in the \$4.8 million range. This can be accomplished by working with BCDM on a variety of building options.

➤ **Recommendation**

The Parish Pastoral Council, as a body and by way of consensus, agrees with the guidelines set forth by the Finance Committee. We concur that we begin the process of seeking Archdiocesan approval, securing a loan and planning on breaking ground no later than October 4, 2008.

➤ **Next Meeting:**

- When: Tuesday March 11, 2008.
- Times: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- Where: Rectory Basement
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Jeff Goeser

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
March 11, 2008 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Parish Rectory Basement

Attendees: Fr. Hunke, Jeff Goeser, Candy Higgins, Jerry King, Chris Vos, Phyllis Brunken, Dawn Vondra, Connie Wishard, Paula Betzold, Ryan Novacek

Absent: All council members were present.

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

Jeff Goeser led the group in prayer/reflection.

⇒ **Minutes**

- The January minutes were approved as well as the minutes from the special session held in February.

⇒ **Building and Planning**

- BCDM offer a new plan with reduced square footage that would meet both fiscal and worship needs. The question remains as to whether finish off the gym if the walls are already in place. When asked about a Town Hall meeting, Fr. Hunke felt that this was probably a bit premature.

⇒ **Winter Retreat**

- Discussion centered around the strengths finder that was done at the winter retreat and the benefits to the Parish Council. It was suggested that we use the strengths finder as our education piece for our meetings, perhaps exploring a different strength each month.

⇒ **Website**

- The new web manager has developed new pages that are more user friendly. There is a monthly calendar and it was mentioned that the web page has a new clean look and can be easily read. It was suggested that we develop an email group for announcing upcoming events and activities.

⇒ **Fish Fry**

- The final follow-up for the fish fry was given by Chris Vos who estimated that the Knights of Columbus made approximately \$4000.

⇒ **Parish Council Elections**

- Biographies of those running for Parish Council are due to Diane ASAP. These will run in the bulletin the week-end of April 5/6 with elections the following weekend.

⇒ **Parish Dinners**

- An informal evaluation of the parish dinners seemed to indicate that they have been well received.

⇒ **Vision Statement**

- The suggestion was made that using a second round of parish dinners might be a perfect time to inquire what “vision” our parishioners have for St. Charles Borromeo. This information could be utilized to create a vision statement.

⇒ **Parish Picnic**

- The date for the 3rd Annual Parish Picnic is set for June 29 from noon – 3. The picnic will utilize Reeder Elementary and it was decided to have a ministry fair again this year.

⇒ **35th Anniversary Party**

- On June 8 the parish will celebrate Fr. Hunke’s 35th anniversary in the priesthood. Archbishop Curtiss will attend and after 11 am mass a reception will follow at the Bellbrook Clubhouse.

⇒ **Capital Campaign**

- The initial campaign will end December 31, 2009. Prior to that we will begin planning Phase II of the campaign.

⇒ **Feed My Sheep**

- The Archdiocese did not reach its goal for the Feed My Sheep so parishes are being asked to contact parishioners who gave to the 2006 campaign but did not pledge in 2007. This would give them an opportunity to contribute.

⇒ **Closing Prayer:** Jeff Goeser concluded the meeting with prayer.

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** Jerry King adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting:**

- When: Tuesday April 8, 2008.
- Times: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- Where: Rectory Basement
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Connie Wishard

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
April 8, 2008 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Parish Rectory Basement

Attendees: Fr. Hunke, Jeff Goeser, Jerry King, Phyllis Brunken, Dawn Vondra, Connie Wishard, Paula Betzold, Patricia Getze, Mel Schrader.

Absent: Martie Cordaro, Ryan Novacek, Candy Higgins, Chris Vos,

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

⇒ **Minutes**

The March minutes were approved no changes made.

⇒ **Building and Planning**

Contract approved with BCDM. Plans on ground (lot) being discussed with father/farmer. Pre-meeting with Fr. Hunke, Lee Carr (archdiocese), Building and Planning will be happening. Money wise, we are at \$578,000 (\$125,000 architect/capital campaign). Suggestion was made to put a graph in bulletin to remind others how close we are with the capital campaign. Possible town hall meeting after BCDM meetings, looking at May/June time frame after each mass.

⇒ **Election**

Ballots to be picked up after each mass. Ballots will be turned in at collection time.

⇒ **Dinners**

Dinners going well, it's nice to meet outside mass time. Some of the general comments from the dinner sessions are:

- ❖ We could be doing better by having a facility
- ❖ Do better with outreach/how well are we promoting the parish
- ❖ New cycle of dinners in May
- ❖ Paula developed a questionnaire for parish dinners

⇒ **Website**

Website is up and functioning. If you can't find something, please email Diane/Phyllis immediately

⇒ **Parish Picnic**

Picnic is one week earlier than last year, Sunday, June 29th from 12-3pm. There will be games/face painting/cake walk. We need to solicit sponsors for food/beverage donations. There was discussion regarding having a white polo made with the SCB logo on the shirt for this and future church sponsored activities.

⇒ **35th Anniversary Party**

Diane planning, hall is rented, and menu is chosen. June 8th with the Bishop and family at the 11:00am mass. One month before, hand out index cards asking “what made a difference in your life”. Volunteers are needed. It was discussed and decided that the PPC would help spearhead the festivity planning.

⇒ **Stewardship/Capital Campaign**

Money still coming in

⇒ **New Members**

Five new members as of the last two weeks. Name tags will be updated to reflect new committee members (PPC, Building & Planning, and Finance)

⇒ **Closing Prayer:** Connie Wishard concluded the meeting with prayer.

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** Jerry King adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting:**

- When: Tuesday, May 13th, 2008.
- Times: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- Where: Rectory Basement

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
May 13, 2008 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Parish Rectory Basement

Attendees: Fr. Hunke, Jeff Goeser, Candy Higgins, Jerry King, Chris Vos, Phyllis Brunken, Dawn Vondra, Connie Wishard, Paula Betzold, Ryan Novacek, Martie Cordaro, Patricia Getze, Mel Schrader.

Absent: All council members were present.

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

Chris Vos led the group in prayer/reflection.

⇒ **Minutes**

- The April minutes were approved.

⇒ **Father Hunke's 35th Anniversary Celebration**

- The Parish Council will be in charge of setting up and tearing down after the celebration. It was not certain when we would be able to set-up (either 6 pm on Saturday, June 7 or 8 am on Sunday, June 8th). It was decided to have servers for the buffet line.

⇒ **Election of Officers**

- The election of officers was held and the current slate of officers was re-elected.
- President: Jerry King; Vice President: Dawn Vondra; Secretary: Candy Higgins.

⇒ **Building and Planning**

- A meeting has been scheduled for May 20 with the architects to view a detailed drawing of the proposed parish facility. The space will have a worship area, functional gym, one full kitchen, some office space and some storage.

⇒ **Summer Picnic**

- The picnic will be held June 29 from noon – 3 pm. There will be a ministry fair held in conjunction with this. It was noted that donations were not quite as easy to obtain in earlier years, probably due to the uncertain economy.

⇒ **Calendar Item**

- The Parish Council will meet on July 8 at Rosenblatt Stadium at 6 pm. Martie Cordaro has graciously offered us a room for our meeting and the opportunity to stay after the meeting for a Royal's game.

⇒ **Strength Finder**

- Chris Vos provided a matrix that indicated how many members had scored each of the particular strengths. This also demonstrated what strengths we may be missing in the council

⇒ **Website**

- It was decided to have only the names of the parish council members available on the website. Anyone wishing further information is welcome to contact the rectory.

⇒ **Budget**

- There was much discussion about the budget and many questions were generated by the spreadsheet that had been provided by Jim McCune and the Finance Committee. It was decided to table any approval of this budget until some of the more pertinent questions were answered. Jerry King will email copies to the Parish Council members and any questions about this budget were to be sent to Jerry by Thursday.

⇒ **Seniors Group**

- A seniors group is currently being formed by Bill and Sue Walters and Patricia and Walter Getze. Those interested are in discussion about what direction this group should take – social or spiritual?

⇒ **Closing Prayer:** Chris Vos concluded the meeting with prayer.

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** Jerry King adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting:**

- When: Tuesday June 10, 2008.
- Times: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- Where: Rectory Basement
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Candy Higgins

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
June 10, 2008 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Parish Rectory Basement

Attendees: Fr. Hunke, Candy Higgins, Jerry King, Chris Vos, Phyllis Brunken, Dawn Vondra, Connie Wishard, Paula Betzold, Ryan Novacek, Martie Cordaro, Patricia Getze.

Absent: Jeff Goeser, Mel Schrader

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

Candy Higgins led the group in prayer/reflection.

⇒ **Religious Formation program**

- President Jerry King suspended the meeting for an information session provided by Amanda Hoeke and Jackie Schuler regarding the Religious Formation program. Discussion centered on a recap of the last year, including the budget, and plans for the upcoming school year 2008-2009. It was estimated that there will likely be 150 children in the program and approximately 50 teachers. Emphasis in the coming years will be on catechist training which is a five year cycle. The program is a combination of methodology and theology. It was also reported that there will be 121 children at this summer's session of Vacation Bible School to be held at Bellbrook. Father Hunke reported during this time that Stan Isham of the Family Life Office has been hired to work ten hours per week as a Pastoral Assistant. He will be working with a variety of groups at the parish level. The business portion of the meeting was then resumed.

⇒ **Minutes**

- The May minutes were approved.

⇒ **Recognition of Phyllis Brunken**

- The Parish Council recognized Phyllis Brunken for her service to the Parish Pastoral Council. She received a Certificate of Appreciation. Father Hunke will appoint a parishioner to the vacant position.

⇒ **Budget**

- A lengthy discussion ensued over the role of the Parish Pastoral Council in the planning and approval or recommendation of the budget. Our Archdiocesan guidelines seem to indicate that the Parish Pastoral Council should recommend the budget to the pastor after reviewing the budget submitted by the Finance Committee. As a new parish, and wanting to avoid any conflict between

committees, it was decided that Jerry King will contact the Finance committee and suggest a future meeting to discuss our respective roles in creating and recommending a budget. Due to the length of this discussion it was agreed to extend our meeting from its normal ending time of 8:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

⇒ **Building and Planning**

- Issues of sewer, water, dirt removal and escalating costs make it difficult to predict the cost of building the Parish Center. Ryan Novacek reported that at this step in the process the costs can fluctuate daily so offering a firm number to the parish would be unwise. It was decided that a note will be placed into the bulletin advising the parish that meetings are still in progress and that work “behind the scenes” is ongoing. The Finance committee has advised that apply for a \$6 million line of credit through Omaha State Bank at a rate of 4% over the course of 18-24 months.

⇒ **Summer Picnic**

- The picnic will be held June 29 from noon – 3 pm. There will be a ministry fair held in conjunction with this.

⇒ **Calendar**

- Council members were invited to sign-up for prayer/reflection to open and close meetings over the course of the next year.

⇒ **July Meeting**

- Martie Cordaro has invited the Council to hold our July 8 meeting at Rosenblatt Stadium. The meeting will begin at 6 pm. Martie will provide us with tickets and parking passes.

⇒ **Father’s 35th Anniversary Celebration**

- The celebration was very successful and Jerry extended his appreciation to the Council for their assistance in set-up and clean-up.

⇒ **Closing Prayer:** Candy Higgins concluded the meeting with prayer.

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** Jerry King adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting:**

- When: Tuesday July 8, 2008.
- Times: 6:00 p.m.
- Where: Rosenblatt Stadium
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Ryan Novacek

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
July 8, 2008 6:00 -7:00 p.m.
Rosenblatt Stadium, Suite A

Attendees: Candy Higgins, Jerry King, Dawn Vondra, Connie Wishard, Paula Betzold, Ryan Novacek, Patricia Getze, Carlos Castillo, Jeff Goeser, Mel Schrader

Absent: Fr. Hunke, Chris Vos, Martie Cordaro

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

Ryan Novacek led the group in prayer/reflection.

⇒ **Minutes**

- The June minutes were approved.

⇒ **Introduction of Carlos Castillo**

- The Parish Council was introduced to our new Parish Pastoral Council member, Carlos Castillo. President Jerry King gave him a brief rundown of the purpose and internal workings of the Council.

⇒ **Building and Planning**

- Ryan Novacek reported that tomorrow there will be a small group meeting of the Building and Planning Committee. There are still issues of water lines to the building site as well as discussion with Synergy over the grading of certain areas of the land.

⇒ **Finance Committee**

- The Finance Committee and Council president Jerry King discussed the future of the parish budget and agreed that a more timely presentation of the budget to the Council would be an ideal situation. There has been discussion of raising the loan amount from \$5.5 million to \$6 million and Jerry will be asking the Finance Committee for more information on the loan situation.

⇒ **Summer Picnic**

- The picnic was a huge success and Jerry offered his and Father Hunke's thanks for the hard work. It was discussed and suggested that perhaps the Ministry Fair, which has been held on the same day as the picnic, be moved to a week-end with ministry booths after mass for parishioners to visit and ask questions about particular ministries.

⇒ **Calendar**

- Council members will be emailed a copy of the sign-up to take care of prayer/reflection for one of the upcoming months this year.

⇒ **Vacation Bible School**

- This year's Vacation Bible School was very successful. It was suggested that a letter of Commendation be sent to Amanda Hoeke and Jackie Schuler in recognition of the outstanding job of creating a fun and spiritual atmosphere for the children of St. Charles Borromeo.

⇒ **Senior Ministry**

- Patricia Getze reported on this new ministry. Approximately thirty people expressed a desire to be part of this ministry at the first meeting. The group will establish committees and chair people to address the areas of interests which range from social to outreach.

⇒ **Closing Prayer:** Ryan Novacek concluded the meeting with prayer.

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** Jerry King adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting:**

- When: Tuesday August 12, 2008.
- Times: 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Parish Rectory
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Patricia Getze.

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
August 12, 2008 7:00 – 8:30 pm
St. Charles Borromeo Rectory, Basement Office Area

Attendees: Fr. Hunke, Candy Higgins, Jerry King, Connie Wishard, Ryan Novacek, Patricia Getze, Jeff Goeser, Mel Schrader, Chris Vos, Martie Cordaro

Absent: Carlos Castillo, Dawn Vondra, Paula Betzold

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

Patricia Getze led the group in prayer/reflection.

⇒ **Minutes**

- The July minutes were approved.

⇒ **Letters of Recognition**

- Letters will be sent to Amanda Hoeke and Jackie Shuler in recognition of their service to the Religious Formation Program. Letters will also be sent to Kelly Bodner and Barb Doble in recognition of monies raised for the building fund through "charity crops."

⇒ **Finance Committee**

- Dave Mohr was introduced as our Finance Committee liaison. Dave will come to Parish Council meetings on an "as needed" basis. Jerry King read a letter to the Council from Finance Committee president Mike Matukewicz requesting Parish Council recommendation to increase the line of credit with Omaha State Bank to six million dollars. Rising costs have necessitated this increase. This request was recommended by consensus of the Council.

⇒ **Building and Planning**

- Our Phase I building plan was approved by the Building Commission, Lee Carr, and Archbishop Curtiss. Financial issues involving water to the site will be taken care of by the archdiocese

⇒ **Groundbreaking**

- Council members will take responsibility for arranging a ground breaking ceremony for October 4 after the 5:30 pm mass. Idea were discussed but tabled for the committee to decide. Those serving on this committee: Jerry King, Connie Wishard, Chris Vos, Mel Schrader, and Pat Getze.

⇒ **Calendar Items**

- Calendar items for this year were discussed. These will be added and a copy emailed to all Council members.

⇒ **Goldenaires**

- Patricia Getze reported that this group has formed a new committee called Helping Hands. Members of the Goldenaires will make themselves available to help seniors in the parish who have minor handiwork needs – a light bulb replaced, a faucet that needs a new washer, etc. The Goldenaires will be meeting at the Gonderinger Parish Center at St. Stephens. In exchange, they will provide non-perishable food items to St. Stephens.

⇒ **Parish Dinners**

- Father Hunke reported that he is aware of a half dozen or so dinners that have been held during the summer. The intent is to continue these dinners in the fall.

⇒ **Introduction of Stan Isham**

- Jerry King introduced Stan Isham, St Charles Borromeo Pastoral Assistant. Stan has been with the Family Life Office for a number of years and will be sharing his talents with our parish. Stan's goal is not "to do it all" but rather to empower parishioners to step up to help organize and administer a variety of ministries. Since joining the parish in this capacity, Stan's focus has been on Youth Ministry, Elder Ministry (Goldenaires), Social Justice and Parish Prayer Experience. It was suggested that Stan attend Council meetings quarterly and possibly help with the winter retreat. It was also requested that Stan look over a draft of our Ministry Formation Policy. This was never formally adopted but Stan was invited to look at this and make suggestions.

⇒ **Parish Pastoral Guidelines**

- These were discussed but no changes were made. It was decided to look at these guidelines on a monthly basis rather than undertaking the task at one time. As our parish grows there may be changes that will need to be made.

⇒ **Chili Cook-off**

- Discussion on this event from last year was tabled until our next meeting.

⇒ **Closing Prayer:** Pat Getze concluded the meeting with prayer.

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** Jerry King adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting:**

- When: Tuesday September 9, 2008.
- Times: 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Parish Rectory
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Martie Cordaro

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
September 9, 2008 7:00 – 8:30 pm
St. Charles Borromeo Rectory, Basement Office Area

Attendees: Fr. Hunke, Candy Higgins, Jerry King, Ryan Novacek, Patricia Getze, Jeff Goeser, Mel Schrader, Chris Vos, Martie Cordaro, Carlos Castillo, Dawn Vondra, Paula Betzold

Absent: Connie Wishard

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

Martie Cordaro led the group in prayer/reflection.

⇒ **Habitat for Humanity**

- The business portion of the August meeting was suspended so that Ed Carlin could give a brief presentation on a variety of volunteer programs and a basic overview of Habitat for Humanity. Currently St. Charles Borromeo Parish is part of the Carpenter's Crew Coalition and working on building a home in Omaha for a pre-selected family.

⇒ **Special Presentations**

- It was discussed that the Parish Pastoral Council will continue the tradition of any special presentations or special guests to be listed first on the agenda with regular business to follow.

⇒ **Minutes**

- The August minutes were approved.

⇒ **Letters of Recognition**

- Letters of recommendation that had been discussed at previous meetings are currently being reworked and then will be sent to the recipients.

⇒ **Budget Review**

- Jim McCune provided the Council with a balance sheet for review. Discussion ensued and members agreed that having a balance sheet to peruse periodically will help us address any fiscal concerns.

⇒ **Building and Planning**

- Ryan Novacek reported that a meeting 2 – 3 weeks prior to this meeting was held with a variety of interested parties. Discussion of the sewer and water lines led to the plan for a development south of Sugar Creek by Boyer-Young. Should

they begin the work for this development prior to our building, Boyer-Young may well provide the initial sewer and water lines which would be very helpful for St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

- Ryan suggested that a sample “color board” for the council and parishioners to see. This will be suggested at the next Building and Planning committee meeting.

⇒ **Groundbreaking**

- The groundbreaking has been set for October 4, 2008 immediately following the 5 pm mass (not 5:30 pm as previously reported in error.) Father has opted to leave it to the groundbreaking committee to make decisions about a celebration afterwards, where to borrow shovels, etc. The new parish banner will be an integral part of the groundbreaking. Each parishioner was invited to decorate a square for the banner to be carried that evening to the site location.

⇒ **Upcoming Events**

- There is currently no report on the proposed February retreat. The Christmas party for the three major parish committees will be held on December 12.

⇒ **Parish Pastoral Guidelines**

- These were discussed but no major changes were made at this time.

⇒ **Chili Cook-off**

- There was minimal discussion about this event. Paula Betzold felt that there was yet some interest from a few parishioners to spearhead this event. It was requested that these gentlemen fill out a Fundraising Form for Council approval.

⇒ **Ministry Approval Guidelines**

- Stan Isham is currently reviewing this document which led to discussion about how often Stan should report to the Parish Pastoral Council. It was suggested that he meet with the Council on a quarterly basis.

⇒ **Pastor’s Report**

- Fr. Hunke reported that our membership is now between 350 – 400 families. The growth in the parish and the limitations of the facility at Reeder Elementary may prompt Father to add another mass in the near future.

⇒ **Closing Prayer:** Martie Cordaro concluded the meeting with prayer.

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** Jerry King adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting:**

- When: Tuesday October 14, 2008.
- Times: 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Parish Rectory
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Chris Vos

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
October 14, 2008 7:00 – 8:30 pm
St. Charles Borromeo Rectory, Basement Office Area

Attendees: Fr. Hunke, Jerry King, Ryan Novacek, Patricia Getze, Mel Schrader, Martie Cordaro, Carlos Castillo, Dawn Vondra, Paula Betzold, Connie Wishard

Absent: Candy Higgins, Chris Vos, Jeff Goeser

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

➤ Dawn Vondra led the group in prayer/reflection.

⇒ **Ground Breaking**

➤ A special thanks was extended to Connie Wishard for a "job well done" in coordinating the Ground Breaking Ceremony. Several families have joined the parish since the ceremony.

⇒ **Building and Planning**

➤ Ryan Novacek will meet with Joe Lempka to draft a letter to BCDM suggesting possible contractors for the building of the parish center.

⇒ **Christmas Party**

➤ The party is scheduled for December 12 at 6:00 pm at the Bellbrook Clubhouse.

⇒ **Winter Gathering Retreat**

➤ Martie Cordaro suggested Rosenblatt as a possible retreat site. It was suggested that Stan Isham conduct the retreat.

⇒ **Chili Cookoff**

➤ A combined Chili Cookoff and Beer Tasting will be held with the Knights of Columbus on November 22 at the Bellbrook Clubhouse.

⇒ **Committees**

➤ There was discussion about inviting chairs of various other committees to attend the Parish Pastoral Council meetings. This would give the committee a chance to report and keep us informed on their work/events.

⇒ **Parish Dinners**

- These will be held off until January or February.

⇒ **Vision Statement**

- It was suggested that we defer this topic to Stan Isham and also discussed that the parish dinners might be a good venue for this.

⇒ **Pastor's Report**

- With the approval of the Archbishop, we can have an earlier Christmas Eve Mass. Fr. Hunke proposed that we have a 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm vigil Mass. There will be no midnight mass and on Christmas Day only a 10:00 am Mass.

⇒ **Closing Prayer:** Dawn Vondra concluded the meeting with prayer.

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** Jerry King adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting:**

- When: Tuesday November 11, 2008.
- Times: 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Parish Rectory
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Paula Betzold

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
November 11, 2008 7:00 – 8:30 pm
St. Charles Borromeo Rectory, Basement Office Area

Attendees: Fr. Hunke, Candy Higgins, Jerry King, Ryan Novacek, Patricia Getze, Chris Vos, Martie Cordaro, Carlos Castillo, Dawn Vondra, Paula Betzold, Connie Wishard.

Absent: Mel Schrader, Jeff Goeser

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

Paula Betzold led the group in prayer/reflection.

⇒ **Minutes and Secretarial Replacement**

- The September minutes were approved. Candy Higgins offered her resignation as secretary due to her mother's declining health and a need to spend more time with her family. Connie Wishard agreed to take over the duties of secretary beginning in January.

⇒ **Building and Planning**

- Six contractors were invited to bid on construction of the new parish building. Responses were due by November 24. The current economic downturn has created decline in the cost of many of the materials needed for construction.

⇒ **Christmas Party**

- The party planned for December 12 at 6 pm was discussed and it was questioned whether we really wanted to spend money on a party when the economy seems to be in such decline. Options discussed were: cancel the party or host a simpler social gathering with appetizers. It was determined the Betzold's would host the event and take care of the appetizers. Everyone was invited to bring their own choice of beverage.

⇒ **Winter Gathering**

- This will be held on February 7, 2009 from 9 am to 1 pm. The location will be Rosenblatt Stadium.

⇒ **Budget Review**

- Copies of the budget were made available to everyone at the meeting.

⇒ **Stewardship**

- Our parish Feed My Sheep Goal was reached and sporadic cards are still being returned to the parish office.

⇒ **APC Delegate**

- Father is currently seeking a new candidate to be the APC delegate.

⇒ **December Meeting**

- It was decided to cancel the December meeting.

⇒ **Community Building**

- Jerry posed the question to the council that we should ask ourselves how we are doing in terms of “building community.” Are we welcoming? Are we forgiving? Discussion indicated that most feel there is a fine line to walk between being “welcoming” and “intrusive” especially given that we are not in a formal worship space.

⇒ **Closing Prayer:** Paula Betzold concluded the meeting with prayer.

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** Jerry King adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting:**

- When: Tuesday January 13, 2009.
- Times: 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Parish Rectory
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Dawn Vondra