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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
January 13, 2009 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, Chris Vos, Martie Cordaro, Carlos Castillo, Dawn Vondra, Paula Betzold, Connie Wishard.  
Guests included Stan Isham and Dave Mohr.

Absent: Mel Schrader

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

Dawn Vondra led the group in prayer/reflection.

### **⇒ Ministry Report**

- Stan Isham reported that several ministry programs have started to meet regularly in the past 6 months. The Social Justice Ministry meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month and will be doing a training session led by Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) with the committee members.

The Prayer Ministry has offered several prayer immersion experiences regarding forms of prayer, charismatic prayer, and contemplative prayer. A prayer experience on the history of the rosary and a Lenten prayer experience will be offered in the near future.

The Youth Ministry program is meeting twice a month and has established a name for the group: The CROSS (Catholics Reaching Out Serving the Savior) The meetings include catechesis, as well as social events for the youth.

The Elder Ministry (Goldenaires) meets regularly and volunteers for numerous events within the parish, as well as in the community.

Future plans include starting a Marriage Enrichment program within the upcoming year.

The upcoming retreat for the PPC members and Finance Committee members will be held from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. on February 7 at Rosenblatt Stadium. It was decided to forego lunch and have snack throughout the morning instead.

⇒ **Finance Report**

- Dave Mohr indicated that budget expenditures should look similar to last year. One of the major differences would be in the taxes from the diocese on income which will likely increase. The PPC does not expect any expenditures for operation that need to be budgeted for in the upcoming year. The budget is due to the archdiocese by June 1<sup>st</sup>, and should be available for the PPC to view at the April meeting. It was noted that construction costs are not part of the parish budget.

⇒ **Minutes**

- The November minutes were approved.

⇒ **Acknowledgement**

- Jerry King offered thanks to Paula Betzold and her husband Mike for hosting the Christmas Gathering at their home. The feedback was very positive on the more relaxed form of the evening. The PPC members were in agreement that the food was delicious and kudos were given to Paula from all members present.

⇒ **Building and Planning**

- The final grading plan is finished and letters have been mailed to 7 contractors who have been invited to bid on the construction of the parish center and gym. The job will bid around mid to late February and is expected to be awarded within 30 days of that date. A completion date of March 2010 was noted in the letters, and contractors were asked to provide costs for finishing on time, ahead of schedule, or after the proposed completion date.

⇒ **Pastor's Report**

- Father Hunke was concerned about parishioners arriving late for mass. It was suggested that perhaps he could include a piece in his weekly bulletin letter to review the need for the respect of the Word by prompt arrival for liturgy.

Many students are unable to attend weekly religious instruction due to outside activities. Once again, it was suggested that this issue be addressed in a weekly homily or bulletin letter to emphasize the importance of attending religion classes and weekly mass over other outside activities that may interfere with these very important parts of growing up Catholic.

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

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

⇒ **Next Meeting:**

- **There will not be a February meeting due to the retreat**
- When: Tuesday March 10, 2009.
- Times: 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Parish Rectory
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Connie Wishard

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
March 17, 2009 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
St. Charles Borromeo Rectory, Basement Office Area

Attendees: Fr. Hunke, Jerry King, Ryan Novacek, Patricia Getze, Jeff Goeser, Chris Vos, Martie Cordaro, Carlos Castillo, Dawn Vondra, Connie Wishard, and Mel Schrader. Guests included Joe Lempka and Jim McCune.

Absent: Paula Betzold and Candy Higgins

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

Connie Wishard led the group in prayer/reflection.

### ⇒ **Minutes**

- The January minutes were approved.

### ⇒ **Correspondence**

- Jerry King passed around a thank you note from Candy Higgins received by the PPC for the sympathy card and memorial gift for her mother.
- A letter was received from Phyllis Brunken with the suggestion of having St. Charles parishioners take part in a consignment store that is held out at the Gretna outlet mall. The PPC members agreed that this is not something we wish to partake in due to the fact that most consignment shops are very particular about the items they will accept and the amount of traffic at the outlet mall is not enough to progress with this type of a fundraiser.

### ⇒ **Building and Planning**

- Ryan Novacek and Joe Lempka, representatives of the building and grounds committee, reported that all 7 of the contractors who were invited to submit bids for Phase I of the building project did return the bids. There was only a 10% difference between the lowest and the highest bid. The lowest estimated construction bid came in slightly over 1 million dollars below the budget that had originally been estimated.
- The bid will allow for alternates such as added lights, a sound system, and resilient tile in the gym to tiled restroom walls, casework additions, and a landscape irrigation system to be installed. The bid also includes fees that were to be assessed by the city of Gretna which originally were to be paid by the archdiocese.

- The construction of the first phase will be awarded Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to the lowest bidder. There is a 1 year completion date of April 2, 2010. However, weather is always a factor in reaching a construction goal. If the bidder accepts the job, grading should begin on the land by the beginning of April.
- Jim McCune then reported that a construction loan will be used until permanent financing is secured once the building is complete. A new capital campaign will most likely begin in 2010 to help with debt reduction and future expenses incurred by the new building. Joe Lempka recommended to set the building budget at 5.25 million dollars and the PPC members agreed with this amount.

⇒ **Pastor's Report**

- Father Hunke reported that there are currently 415 families registered in the parish. He also discussed the new exposition of the Eucharist during mass. Parishioners genuflect before entering their seats. He also mentioned that the act of bowing is done when passing the altar. Several PPC members thought it would be beneficial if he explained this during mass or in the bulletin to clarify these actions for church members.
- Father also brought up the fact that he is a member of OTOC which is a colloquium of ministers, rabbis, and priests who work to be a voice for people in the community. They address social issues faced by citizens. This organization operates on fees collected from the churches supporting it. The \$1,500 fee has been covered for the current year. Father suggested that this amount be put into the budget for next year to help support this organization. After some discussion, it was decided to table this issue until next year to see where we stand financially before we commit to asking for this amount to be included in the budget. It was also decided that perhaps a member of OTOC could attend a PPC meeting to share about their purpose and goals.

⇒ **Elections for PPC**

- PPC memberships will expire in 2009 for Jerry King, Paula Betzold, Pat Getze and Mel Schrader. Carlos Castillo, Dawn Vondra, and Connie Wishard will head the election committee. Bulletin announcements inviting parishioners to run for PPC will begin in two weeks. Biographies will run during April, and the election will be held the weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

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

⇒ **Next Meeting:**

- When: Tuesday April 14, 2009.
- Times: 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Parish Rectory
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Jeff Goeser

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
April 14, 2009 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
St. Charles Borromeo Rectory, Basement Office Area

Attendees: Jerry King, Ryan Novacek, Patricia Getze, Jeff Goeser, Chris Vos, Martie Cordaro, Carlos Castillo, Dawn Vondra, Connie Wishard, Paula Betzold, Candy Higgins, and Mel Schrader. Guests included Dave Mohr.

Absent: Father Hunke

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

Jeff Goeser led the group in prayer/reflection.

⇒ **Minutes**

The March minutes were approved.

⇒ **Building Status**

Ryan Novacek reported that final negotiations on a building contract with Meco Henne are nearly complete. There are only a few final details to be worked out including insurance requirements. Grading should begin soon and the end date for Phase 1 of the building project will not change once the construction begins. We discussed having updated photos throughout the building process posted on the parish website.

⇒ **Budget**

Questions concerning the 2009-2010 budget were addressed. We were curious if any expenses were budgeted for April, May, and June of 2010 since this could possibly be the transition into our new facility. It was also discussed if the non-use of Reeder Elementary had been taken into account once we move to the new building. A 10% increase in tithing was projected. We wondered how this number was established. The members also wanted to know what types of things were included under "professional fees". Dave Mohr, Finance Council representative, answered several of the questions and will get back to us with answers for those that he did not immediately have.

⇒ **Elections for PPC**

Biographies of candidates for both the PPC and Finance Committees will run during the weekends of April the 18-19<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> in the bulletin. The election will be held the weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

⇒ **Fish Fries**

Chris Vos reported that the profits from the Lenten Fish Fries were approximately \$6,000. Attendance averaged 450 people per fish fry which was up about 100 people per event since last year.

⇒ **Omaha Royals Date**

We will not be able to meet at Rosenblatt Stadium this summer due to conflicts with available dates.

⇒ **PPC Delegate**

Father would like to have a delegate chosen for the Archdiocesan PPC. This representative can be anyone from within the parish. Jerry will talk to the current delegate to see if she wishes to continue, and then ask Father for additional possible delegate names.

⇒ **Summer Picnic**

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at Gretchen Reeder Elementary School. An ad will run in the bulletin requesting volunteers to assist with this event. It was decided that a T-shirt should be offered again for new parishioners who wish to purchase one, and the Ministry Fair that has been part of the picnic in the past will no longer be included.

⇒ **Vision Statement**

An initial draft from our vision planning retreat was passed around. The next step is to establish the "action plan" on how parishioners can be a part of each vision statement. We will work on developing concrete examples of how we can achieve each part of the vision statement and email them to Dawn a week prior to the May meeting. This will allow us to continue working towards a final draft which should be presented to the parish once it is established.

⇒ **President's Report**

Jerry voiced his concern about how he can best relay the mission/vision statement for the new PPC president once they are elected. He also would like to have the calendar for next year established before leaving his office as president.

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

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

⇒ **Next Meeting:**

- When: Tuesday, May 12, 2009.
- Times: 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Parish Rectory
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Carlos Castillo

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
May 12, 2009 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
St. Charles Borromeo Rectory, Basement Office Area

Attendees: Jerry King, Ryan Novacek, Patricia Getze, Jeff Goeser, Chris Vos, Carlos Castillo, Dawn Vondra, Connie Wishard, Paula Betzold, and Candy Higgins. Guests included newly elected PPC members Bill Wostoupal and Jared Hollinger.

Absent: Father Hunke, Mel Shrader, Martie Cordaro

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

Carlos Castillo led the group in prayer/reflection.

### ⇒ **Minutes and Welcome to New Members**

The April minutes were approved. Jerry welcomed the newly elected PPC members: Bill Wostoupal and Jared Hollinger. Outgoing members will include Paula Betzold and Jerry King. Pat Getze and Mel Schrader were reelected to the PPC.

### ⇒ **Building Status**

Ryan Novacek reported that the building contract was signed and grading has started. Culvert work, utility trenching, and sewer mains will be the next part of the building process. The first bill for bonding, permits, and dirt work amounted to approximately \$100,000. Stations and stained glass windows from St. Richard's Parish will need to be worked into the future plans. Photos taken throughout construction will be posted on the website for parishioners to view once "vertical building" begins to take place.

### ⇒ **Vision Statement**

Dawn handed out copies of the vision statement which included activities which help carry out each "vision". The importance of educating parishioners on the purpose of a vision statement was discussed. Chris will email an article on vision statement which we will review. We will then email any suggestions for further amendments to Dawn by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The vision statement will continue to grow as the parish grows.

⇒ **Changes in PPC Guidelines**

Dawn updated the members on changes to the PPC guidelines. The major points involved the nominations and elections of PPC members. An election was not needed this year due to the fact that there were 4 openings and 4 people ran. However, it was decided that PPC elections should be held in April regardless of this fact. Newly elected members will be introduced at the May meeting, and officer elections will be held by the PPC in June. It was also decided that past PPC members should have 1 year off of the council before running for reelection.

⇒ **PPC Delegate**

There is no need for a PPC delegate since they will no longer be meeting for at least 2 years.

⇒ **Budget**

The 2009-2010 budget was handed out at the meeting. The only question concerned extra money for the CCD administration. This has been included to add future staff to this area.

⇒ **Summer Picnic**

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at Gretchen Reeder Elementary School. A bulletin announcement will remind parishioners that food will only be served between 12:00-1:30 p.m. during the time of the picnic.

⇒ **Fish Fries**

The 2010 fish fries are scheduled at Bellbrook for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Fridays of Lent.

⇒ **New Business: Election of Officers**

New officers were elected as follows:

President-Jeff Goeser  
Vice President-Candy Higgins  
Secretary-Connie Wishard

⇒ **Closing Prayer:** Carlos Castillo concluded the meeting with prayer.

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

⇒ **Next Meeting**

- When: Tuesday, June 9, 2009.
- Times: 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Parish Rectory
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Candy Higgins

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June 9, 2009 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
St. Charles Borromeo Rectory, Basement Office Area

Attendees: Jerry King, Patricia Getze, Jeff Goeser, Carlos Castillo, Connie Wishard, Paula Betzold, Candy Higgins, Bill Wostoupal, Jared Hollinger, Martie Cardaro, Mel Schrader, and Father Hunke. Guest: Stan Isham

Absent: Dawn Vondra, Ryan Novacek, and Chris Vos.

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry King.

Candy Higgins led the group in prayer/reflection.

### ⇒ **Ministry Review**

Stan Isham gave a ministry update to the PPC members on activities which he has worked on developing over the past year and what he hopes to implement in the future for our parish. He will be attending a leadership training conference which will generate ideas on how to implement social justice programs within our community. The youth ministry program is sending 5 students to the National Catholic Youth Conference in November. They hope to start a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade program in the future. The prayer immersion experiences have been positive and will offer programs on sacred music and artworks in the fall. The Goldenaires continue to meet monthly providing a wide array of activities for those who attend. The Marriage and Family Ministry is just getting started and we are the first parish in the diocese to initiate the program. Stan hopes to begin future parish ministry programs on parish evangelization, parenting enrichment programs, and marriage preparation.

### ⇒ **Minutes**

The May minutes were approved.

### ⇒ **Building Status**

Father Hunke reported that the contractor has been busy grading on nearly a daily basis. The next major step is to run a sewer line alongside the rectory and out to Chandler Street.

⇒ **Vision Statement**

We reviewed copies of the SCB Vision Statement. We will reword statement #3 to begin with an action verb as all the others do. We hope to include testimonials and articles from the council in the parish bulletin to communicate the action plans which are supporting each statement. It was decided to revisit it on a yearly basis to update programs which are implemented that fit the various statements. It will be posted on the parish website.

⇒ **Changes in PPC Guidelines**

Updated copies of the PPC Guidelines were distributed and changes previously discussed were approved by the council members. These include section F which concerns nominations and elections to the PPC, as well as section K which refers to a simple majority which will be needed regarding revisions and amendments to the guidelines.

⇒ **Campaign**

Father informed us that the Steier Group will be planning the next phase of our capital campaign with a kickoff slated for January 2010.

⇒ **Pastor's Report**

Father explained the process for selecting a new bishop. He also updated the PPC on the windows, stations of the cross, pews, and other items which we will be receiving from St. Richard's church. A \$50,000 donation was given to them for these items. All items will be stored at various locations until they are needed for the building.

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

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** A service plaque was given to Jerry King as the outgoing president of the PPC. He then adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting**

- When: Tuesday, July 14, 2009.
- 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  
July 14, 2009 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
St. Charles Borromeo Rectory, Basement Office Area

Attendees: Patricia Getze, Jeff Goeser, Carlos Castillo, Connie Wishard, Candy Higgins, Bill Wostoupal, Jared Hollinger, Mel Schrader, Dawn Vondra, Ryan Novacek, Chris Vos, and Father Hunke. Guest: Sean McMahan

Absent: Martie Cordaro

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Goeser.

Patricia Getze led the group in prayer/reflection.

### **⇒ Capital Campaign**

Sean McMahan gave an overall summary of the work and philosophy the Steier Group is involved with in setting up fundraising for Catholic churches and schools. He recommended a feasibility study to determine if the next campaign should be held for debt reduction or the next phase of the building process. This is conducted with approximately 100 parishioners to help determine what amount of money to set as a campaign goal. A 12-14 week period is then allowed to visit with every family registered in the parish and to solicit campaign pledges. A proposal was handed out which included estimated budget amounts for the feasibility study and the capital campaign. Father has asked three couples to head the campaign. The parishioners who gave to the 1<sup>st</sup> phase will be asked to extend or up their pledges for the next phase. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase had overwhelming support and surpassed the goal which was set.

### **⇒ Minutes**

The June minutes were approved.

### **⇒ PPC guidelines and Vision statement**

The amended PPC guidelines were distributed to members and the final edited version of the Vision Statement will be posted to the parish website.

### **⇒ Calendar and Prayer schedule**

The updated PPC calendar and member roster was ready and will be emailed to members. Please print copies of both for your PPC binders.

⇒ **Picnic**

The parish picnic served approximately 400 people. Hy-Vee generously donated all the hotdogs, hamburgers, and hot dog buns. A letter of thanks will be mailed to them as they continually offer support to parish events. Next year's picnic date is June 27<sup>th</sup>, and hopefully, we will be able to hold this on our own church grounds.

⇒ **Building Status**

The sewer line has been installed to the street. Block walls in the gym are up approximately 10-12 feet. Updated photos will be posted in future bulletins for parishioners to view the progress being made.

⇒ **Voice of the Parish**

We will have a monthly forum at each meeting to share any concerns/positive comments that PPC members have heard from parish members.

⇒ **Pastor's Report**

Father asked us to give consensus to hiring the Steier Group. The PPC members agreed that Father should proceed to hire them to conduct the feasibility study.

⇒ **New Business**

Candy reminded members that Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m.-9p.m. St. Charles will be hosting the "Crop to Build" scrapbooking event at Skutt High School.

Chris reported that they have been working on setting up a "parish email list" that would include all members. A test of this mass email system will occur in the next few weeks.

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

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** President Jeff Goeser adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting**

- When: Tuesday, August 11, 2009.
- Times: 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Parish Rectory
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Connie Wishard

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
August 11, 2009 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
St. Charles Borromeo Rectory, Basement Office Area

Attendees: Patricia Getze, Jeff Goeser, Carlos Castillo, Connie Wishard, Candy Higgins, Mel Schrader, Dawn Vondra, Ryan Novacek, Chris Vos, and Father Hunke.

Absent: Martie Cordaro, Bill Wostoupal, and Jared Hollinger

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Goeser.

Father Hunke led the group in prayer/reflection.

⇒ **Minutes**

The July minutes were approved.

⇒ **Pastor's Report**

Father Hunke reported on his meeting with the new archbishop. He is very supportive of the construction of our new parish center and gym.

He also reported on the Capital Campaign follow-up. We reviewed a fact sheet summarizing Phase 2 of the building project. The next capital campaign is planned for this fall. Mortgage payments on our parish center/gym will begin in June or July of 2010 at a cost of \$36,541 per month. Funds raised during Phase 2 will be used to pay down the first mortgage. Future plans will help build pod 1 of the grade school with an estimated cost of \$4,160,900 at today's construction costs. We need to have 15 % of that cost on hand prior to building. The new archbishop has given us his blessings to move on to Phase 2 of the capital campaign.

⇒ **Building Status**

Ryan reported that the contractors are about 3 weeks behind schedule due to a wet spring. However, it appears that the site is closer to 5 weeks behind the original building schedule. Most of the footings are in, the masonry work has started, the well field has been drilled, and there is a paved road at the first entrance. There are currently no change orders for the project.

⇒ **Calendar**

The Christmas party is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Place and food is to be determined.

The “grand opening” for the parish center/gym will be planned with Dawn and Candy as the co- chairs for this exciting event.

⇒ **New Business**

The “Crop to Build” had about 40 participants in July. This is about ½ the crowd they have had in the past, but they still managed to make a profit of approximately \$1,600 for the parish.

⇒ **Vision Statement**

The vision statement has not been posted to the web yet, so Stan Isham will be contacted to make sure this is taken care of.

⇒ **Voice of the Parish**

Pat Getze reported on her attendance with her husband Walt to the National KC convention in Phoenix. It was a wonderful experience and she hopes more Knights will have the opportunity to attend it in the future.

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

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** President Jeff Goeser adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting**

- The Steier group will report to us at our September meeting. Amanda and Jackie will report at the October meeting on the religious formation program.
- When: Tuesday, September 22, 2009. (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
- Times: 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Parish Rectory
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Ryan Novacek

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
September 22, 2009 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
St. Charles Borromeo Rectory, Basement Office Area

Attendees: Patricia Getze, Jeff Goeser, Carlos Castillo, Connie Wishard, Candy Higgins, Mel Schrader, Dawn Vondra, Ryan Novacek, Jared Hollinger, Bill Wostoupal, and Father Hunke.

Absent: Martie Cordaro and Chris Vos

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Goeser.

Ryan Novacek led the group in prayer/reflection.

### ⇒ **Minutes**

The August minutes were approved.

### ⇒ **Pastor's Report**

Father Hunke reported that parishioners should be receiving their letters from the archbishop concerning this year's Feed My Sheep campaign. St. Charles is asked to donate \$13,000 to this cause and that goal was achieved last year.

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, a kickoff campaign party will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The location will be determined and leaders in the various parish groups will be invited to attend.

Father also brought up a retreat idea. He will visit with Joe Hibbs who works on various social justice issues in Omaha to see if he would be available to lead a retreat for us.

### ⇒ **Building Status**

The overall feedback from the Steier group was positive. There was solidarity among the parishioners involved in the study (approximately 80%) that the next campaign monies should be used to service the debt. Starting next July, we will begin making \$35,000 /month loan payments. This amount would take 1.2 million to cover the cost for the next 3 years. Father hopes to aim higher (\$1.5 million) than the goal recommended by the Steier group, as he hopes that the parish will continue to grow over the next few years, especially since the first phase is now under construction.

⇒ **Calendar**

The Christmas party is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Mike and Paula Betzold have graciously volunteered to host this event again.

Amanda and Jackie will speak on religious formation status at the October meeting.

⇒ **New Business**

New members will take the strength finder test and we will refresh the group summary to see where our "talents" lie as members of the PPC.

⇒ **Voice of the Parish**

Interviews conducted by the Steier group asked for names of possible donors to the campaign. Many parishioners felt uncomfortable answering that particular question.

Parish dinners will resume and letters will be mailed out to the hosts soon.

There was some discussion about the amount of time being dedicated to talks about money at church. The parish bulletin is one avenue of letting parishioners know about the financial condition of the church. However, it is necessary for Father to update all families on the facts, especially since we are now building and will soon be dipping into campaign monies to support the new parish center once it is completed.

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

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** President Jeff Goeser adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting**

- When: Tuesday, October 13, 2009
- Times: 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Parish Rectory
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Chris Vos

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November 10, 2009 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
St. Charles Borromeo Rectory, Basement Office Area

Attendees: Patricia Getze, Jeff Goeser, Carlos Castillo, Connie Wishard, Mel Schrader, Jared Hollinger, Bill Wostoupal, and Martie Cordaro.

Absent: Candy Higgins, Dawn Vondra, Ryan Novacek, Chris Vos, and Fr. Hunke.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Goeser.

⇒ Jared Hollinger led the group in prayer/reflection.

⇒ **Minutes**

The October minutes were approved.

⇒ **Parish Center Grand Opening Plans**

Martie asked for input from PPC members as to what type of event we wish to have for the opening of the Parish Center next spring. We all agreed that it should include a spiritual aspect (mass with the archbishop), as well as a family oriented social event. (food, games, etc.) It should also be covered by local newspapers and news channels in order to publicize that St. Charles Borromeo is up and ready for new parishioners.

⇒ **Capital Campaign**

Jared reported that the capital campaign is off to a good start with initial pledges totaling close to \$400,000 towards Phase II. Parishioners are giving approximately 50% of asked for monies and those volunteers helping to solicit the pledges have 6 weeks to meet face to face with the families they were assigned to.

⇒ **Voices of the Parish**

Many parishioners have said that they were shocked at the amount of money they were asked to pledge towards the capital campaign. It was suggested that a personal signature from Fr. Hunke on a letter asking for such a substantial amount of money would be recommended for any future letters sent out. There is also some concern about making sure the new parish center will be used to capacity and that a calendar for booking events needs to be in place. We also discussed the need for having a committee to set the rules and regulations for the new facility. This item needs to be addressed at our January meeting so parishioners are aware of what the expectations are for using the new parish center/kitchen/gym.

After the last PPC meeting, the need for an advisory board for the religious education office seemed like a very urgent need. Therefore, we will have a standing agenda item each month to provide this service until they have the ability and time to create the advisory board.

⇒ **New Business**

The annual Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Paula and Mike Betzold will be the hosts. RSVP's should have been emailed to Chris Vos.

The annual retreat will be held at Rosentblatt Stadium from 9-12 on January 23, 2010. The snow date will be January 30<sup>th</sup>. Joe Hibbs will be the presenter and we will organize volunteers for morning snacks at the January PPC meeting.

⇒ **Closing Prayer:** Jared Hollinger concluded the meeting with prayer.

⇒ **Meeting Adjournment:** President Jeff Goeser adjourned the meeting.

⇒ **Next Meeting**

- When: Tuesday, January 12, 2010  
( No December meeting due to Christmas Party)
- Times: 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Parish Rectory
- Prayer/reflection volunteer: Dawn Vondra