

**St Nicholas Parish Council Meeting  
November 29, 2010**

**Staff Members Present:**

Ann Daniels, Business Manager

Barb Furdek, Director, Religious Education

Ed Koszykowski, Religious Education

**Discerned Members Present:**

David Todd, President

Sherri Galante

Joanne Smallheer

Jill Pietrusinski, Vice-President

Bob Hoff

Mary Ann Williams

Karyl Reckamp

Yolande Wood

**Others Present:**

Carol Mauchline, Trustee

Joe Edwards, Trustee

**Opening:** At 7:00 pm, the council members, building committee members and guests toured the two new buildings. At 7:30, Karyl Reckamp opened the council meeting with prayer. The October 25, 2010 minutes were approved as submitted.

**St Clare Budget Review:** Ann Daniels presented the July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012 school budget. Due to this year's decreased enrollment, some changes are anticipated such as removal of one module classroom. Text book costs and shipping fees have increased. The school lost \$18,000 in grant money expected from the Illinois State Budget. Cost for Diocese in-service training for the Catholic school teachers has increased also. Plans are being made for a publicity pamphlet covering the importance of a Catholic education and what St Clare School has to offer. Parents of 2-3 year old children will be contacted. An open house is planned for January 30, 2011, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Additionally, the St Clare web site is being updated. The budget was unanimously approved.

**Good Shepherd and St Nicholas Centers:** Ed Koszykowski passed out a list of potential programs contemplated for the new buildings. These are activity goals that won't all begin immediately. More questions generated by this evening's walk-through were discussed. The advisory board is meeting next week.

**Review of Church Policies Governing Church Facilities Use:** Jill Pietrusinski stated her group is not ready to put their recommendations on paper at this time. The present church policy covers immediate concerns expected to arise in the new buildings. The group is working on accountability in the gym area, liability and insurance issues for the Activity Center. They are also looking at documenting the different needs of each building.

**St Nicholas Party:** Joanne Smallheer reminded council members to bring finger food to the Christmas party, no desserts. The party begins at 6:30 pm, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Parish Council Recorder:** The council thanked Emma Johnson for her volunteer service over the last two years. David presented to her a framed picture of The Spirit of Christmas, St Nicholas of Myra, a fourth century bishop of the Church. It is greatly appreciated. The council decided to rotate the recorder duties, beginning with Joanne at the January meeting.

**St Nicholas Community Day:** David discussed his perceived need to host a community day in line with the Sign-up Sunday. This would be an event where non-profit organizations are invited to display their services that might be of interest for the larger parish community. Council members agreed the suggestion has merit but more discussion is needed.

**Closing:** Mary Ann Williams closed the meeting at 9:30 pm with prayer. The next council meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2011, at 7:30 pm in the Good Shepherd Center.

Respectively submitted for Council approval;  
EMMA JOHNSON, Recorder

Approved: January 24, 2011

*David F. Todd*

DAVID F. TODD, Parish Council President