

**St. Michael the Archangel  
Parish Council Minutes  
April 14, 2010**

**Council members present:** Jack Boumeester, Phil Duran, Randy Fortuin, Kathy Mallach, Perry Monkelein, Jamie Roles III, Peter Smith, Tom Werzyn

**Absent council:** Ed Carey, Mary Ann Kendrick, Randy Perlis, Tim Shively

**Admin. present:** Catherine Miller, Ginnie Taylor

**Admin. absent:** Judy Guyre, Evalina Fortajada

**Opening Prayer:** Jamie Roles III

Father Jim introduced the guest speaker, Martha Franko of the Spanish Speaking Faith Formation Team.

Martha began by stating that the goal this year has been to begin to take steps to integrate the parish groups rather than have the Spanish programs run parallel to all the programs in St. Michaels. She stated that before children of bilingual families were automatically placed in the Spanish Religious Education classes. This was not always good because many of the children did not speak Spanish. The consequence was that they understood little if any of the class and therefore received no religious education training.

The handout Martha brought gives an outline of not only the Religious Education Program but all the bilingual offerings of the parish.

There was a lengthy discussion about the diversity of the parish population and the cultural differences. Fr. Fox stated that because of the diversity the parish budget must include bilingual staff--which it does. Martha is full time in the education program and Lourdes works part time in the parish office.

A question of how the parish develops the theme for each year was asked.

The Staff meets in the spring to brain storm and develop a theme. The chosen theme is then presented to the Parish Council and the parish at large in September.

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Fr. Jim asked if any council members have a suggestion for the coming year's theme.

1. Possible unification theme?
2. Emphasize the Corporal Works of Mercy. Move from the current prayer theme into one of action "living the faith".

Fr. further stated that the Finance Council estimates the summer project will cost \$60-70 thousand. No new money will need to be raised to finance the project which will focus on four pre-school classrooms and two restrooms. Carpeting will replace the current flooring in the classrooms. Carpet tiles were not recommended for use in the classroom because micro-organisms can and will form in the many joints. The two restrooms will be renovated with new auto-flush toilets, formica counter tops, new ceiling tiles and a poured epoxy flooring. No work will need to be made on the sewer lines but for one weekend while the work is being done porta potties will have to be rented and that information passed along to the parishioners in advance.