

META FINANCIAL GROUP INC

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Washington, D.C. 20549

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 23, 1998

FIRST MIDWEST FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-22140	42-1406262
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File No.) of incorporation)		(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Fifth at Erie, Storm Lake, Iowa	50588
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (712) 732-4117

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events

On November 23, 1998, the Registrant issued the attached press release announcing an increase in the Company's regular quarterly cash dividend.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

99 Additional Exhibits

Press release, dated November 23, 1998.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

FIRST MIDWEST FINANCIAL, INC.

Date: November 25, 1998

*By: /s/ Donald J. Winchell
Donald J. Winchell, Vice President,
Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and
Principal Accounting Officer*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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FIRST MIDWEST FINANCIAL, INC. ANNOUNCES INCREASE IN QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND:

(Storm Lake, Iowa - November 23, 1998) First Midwest Financial, Inc. has announced that the Company will increase its quarterly cash dividend from 12 cents per share to 13 cents per share for the first fiscal quarter of 1999. The dividend, which represents an increase of 8.33 percent, will be payable on or about January 4, 1999 to stockholders of record on December 15, 1998. President and Chairman James S. Haahr stated, "We are pleased to pay this additional cash dividend to the stockholders of First Midwest Financial, Inc."

The Company has increased dividends each year since its first cash dividend on January 5, 1995. Regular quarterly dividends have been paid since that date. At September 30, 1998, First Midwest Financial, Inc. had assets of \$418 million and stockholders' equity of \$42.3 million. The company's stock is traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "CASH."

Corporate Profile:

First Midwest Financial, Inc. is the holding company for First Federal Savings Bank of the Midwest and Security State Bank. First Federal Savings Bank has its main bank office in Storm Lake, Iowa, and six branch offices in a four-county area of Northwest Iowa. It also includes two Brookings Federal Bank Division offices in Brookings, South Dakota, and two Iowa Savings Bank Division offices in Des Moines and West Des Moines, Iowa. Security State Bank, with offices in Stuart, Casey and Menlo, Iowa, is a separate holding of First Midwest and operates as a commercial bank chartered by the State of Iowa.

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