

Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order by chair, Steve Mullins at 7:03 pm.

**Members present:** Joe Fields, Robert Mantei, Annie Dobbs, David Doudna, Steve Mullins, Larry Mantei, and Mary Robinson

**Members absent:** Phyliss Dixon and Katrina Yanish.

**Staff present:** Fr. Fred Bayler, Bob Barnard, Cindy Fields and Chuck Bowman.

**Visitors present:** Shannon Christiansen and Jodi Stack.

Approval of the December 7, 2011 minutes: Approved by consensus.

Approval of the January 18, 2012 agenda: Approved by consensus.

**Staff reports:**

*Community Service, Cindy Fields:* Cindy reported that the Christmas brunch was successful. She might like to do it again but she did receive some complaints. Emergency supplies and gift cards were given out. The Conference on Homelessness had 40 vendors and good participation. While the basement area is being worked on food storage is in Murphy Hall and the Connex unit. The new seating arrangement for the Soup Kitchen lunches seems to be better than it was before. Joseph Owens, a seminarian, wants to work with the Soup Kitchen. BP donated some money to ICC and ICC can be an option for Pick-Click-Give and the GVEA Good Cents program.

*Religious Education, Bob Barnard:* Bob reported that Wednesday and Sunday classes were cancelled due to cold weather. There is a Mass for the Youth group (Sacred Heart and ICC parishes) on the 5th Sunday of the month. There is a Confirmation retreat in March. The Christmas pageant went well. It was nice to only have one Mass at Holy Family Chapel - but there were not copies of the New Translation of the Roman Missal for people attending that Mass. We might have a catechist retreat with Sister Dorothy.

*Maintenance, Chuck Bowman:* Chuck reported that the Subaru sold for \$18,000. Joe Hruska is still working on the baptismal font. The DEC has no problem with our food storage right now. He is building shelves for the shed. The art teacher at Monroe will do touch up work on the Nativity figures. An inventory of the attic needs to happen soon. Pictures can be taken of everything up there and available for people to decide what needs to stay and what needs to go. Bob Mantei will dispose of the old vestments - they are not to be used for costumes. Cameras and door windows are coming along. That is important because things have been left on the altar that shouldn't be there.

**Old Business:** The book of intentions in the vestibule has been updated.

**Health Ministry, Jodi Stack:** Jodi reported that Journey to Bethlehem has not had their potluck final meeting. The number of miles were met by participants. Eight pairs of sock were knitted and given out and three more pairs are ready. Cindy said that the socks were appreciated and lovely.

**New Business:** Fr. Fred reported that there is a significant heat loss from our building. Photos have been taken to prove it. We spend \$2,700 every two weeks on heating oil. He would really like to see the attic cleaned out of things we don't use. The bishop wants improved Liturgies including music and he wants Religious Ed. that operates well. We have made up some of our deficit with our stewardship drive. We have asked the bishop for assistance with the Soup Kitchen. Bishop Kettler said that we are on our own for right now. The parish should be able to support Religious Ed., maintenance, and outreach. We will be losing Rose and Tammy at the end of January. Jack Traxis will take care of the new applicants for Secretary and Bookkeeper. We hope to have a financial audit in February but it has been put off several times. Fr. Fred still hope to meet with the Lectors and Altar Servers. Shannon Christiansen has been helping the Liturgy. We need more volunteers to help with the census and to clean the pews after Mass.

**Member Comments:** Many members said that the Midnight Christmas Mass was well attended but we need copies of the new translation for Holy Family Chapel. Also, three Masses may be too many for Christmas and Easter morning.

David Doudna and Mary Robinson appreciate the deacons reviewing the Liturgical Guideline before Mass. David would like to see more on-going training for EMs, lectors, etc.

Mary Robinson appreciates all the work Shannon Christensen has been doing on the Liturgy.

Fr. Fred closed with prayer. The meeting adjourned about 8:30 pm

Submitted by:  
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