

Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chair, Joe Fields, followed by an opening prayer and meditation led by Fr. Basil.

**Members present:** Phyliss Dixon, Dave Doudna, Annie Dobbs, Joe Fields, Larry Mantei, Bob Mantei, Steve Mullins, and Katrina Yanish.

**Members absent:** Tammy Want

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

**Parish Council Confirmation of David Doudna:** The Council unanimously approved the appointment of Dave to fill the vacancy left by Randy Kinsey's resignation.

**Introduction of visitors:** Sandy Baker, Youth Leader, Sacred Heart Cathedral. There were no visitor comments. Sandy will join Deacon Bob Barnard in a presentation on *Theology of the Body*.

**Approval of minutes of December 15, 2010:** Fr. Basil clarified his remarks regarding Mardi Gras at the November meeting. He said he was not asking the Council to change the event, he was just commenting on the historical aspects of the Mardi Gras festival.

The minutes were amended to correct the name of the company providing recommendations for upgrades to the plumbing system to Accel Company.

*Dixon moved, Dobbs seconded* to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2010 meeting as amended. Motion carried.

**Approval of January meeting agenda:** The Council approved the agenda as posted.

**Staff reports**

*Community Service:* Cindy gave a brief report on the activities of the Ecumenical Council and the quick response of the American Red Cross and many Fairbanks churches to the recent Savoonga power outage. She also reported that the first committee meeting for the parish newsletter went well. The committee will meet again on January 30. They are working on a draft format, and funding/distribution of the newsletter.

*Religious Education:* Deacon Bob reported that new preschool teachers are on board and he was grateful for those who had stepped forward to teach the class. The RE program will be hosting their second annual Valentine's fundraiser the weekend of February 12-13. He also told the Council that the adult programs, Gospel of Matthew and Bible Timeline are going well.

Bob and Sandy Baker gave a presentation of the program *Theology of the Body* that the combined youth program will be starting in February. The program is for youth ages 13-17. The program will require a lot of parental assistance due to age breakouts for the program. The Council also viewed a short video that parents will be shown about the program.

*Maintenance:* Chuck told the Council that the heating repairs were underway. Major work that needs to be done will be accomplished over the summer months. Fire system upgrade estimates are also in the works.

### **New Business**

ICC Group for Alaska Catholic Youth Conference: Katrina Yanish would like our parish to have a group of youth attend the conference this year. In years' past, we have not had sufficient numbers of youth attending, so the teens have had to "tag along" with other parishes. Katrina noted the group would need to do fundraising to assist with the costs of the conference. She asked for organizational help from the Council. Sandy Baker offered to have Katrina assist with Sacred Heart's group to learn what paperwork is involved such as regulations and insurance requirements. Katrina thought that perhaps the youth from ICC could team up with Sacred Heart this year and work towards having an ICC group next year.

Mardi Gras: Tammy's business constraints will prevent her from being as involved in Mardi Gras as she had previously hoped. A venue has been reserved (Elks Lodge) and the Council will work toward having a dinner/dance event fundraiser instead of the dinner, dance and auction.

Building Committee: Joe suggested that it may be time to have a committee to oversee the upcoming repairs that need to be done to the building. It was noted for the record that the time capsule that was placed in Murphy Hall during the extensive renovation process is between the two staircases in the crawl space under the hall.

### **Old Business**

Financial statements: Phyliss asked Fr. Basil and Fr. Zygmunt if it would be possible once again to receive the monthly financial statements that were provided to the Council in the past. She said she understood the Parish Council did not have authority over the budget; that was the responsibility of the Finance Committee, but it was nice to receive the report each month. She also said receiving the reports was not with the intention of making suggestions or controlling the finances, but for informational purposes only.

Fr. Zygmunt said that he would talk with Jack Tragis about attending a Council meeting.

There were no pastoral administrator comments.

### **Member comments**

Bob Mantei asked about the plan to put a closet in the cry room for musician's storage. He noted that area has historically been used during Holy Week.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Murphy Hall.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by Phyliss Dixon