

Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order by chair, Steve Mullins at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Phyliss Dixon, Annie Dobbs, Dave Doudna, Joe Fields, Robert Mantei, Steve Mullins, and Mary Robinson.

Members absent: Larry Mantei and Katrina Yanish

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

Visitors present: Shannon Christiansen, Lisa Hover and Rose Walsh.

Approval of the meeting minutes for January 18, 2012: There was a minor spelling correction in the minutes. They were approved by consensus. Steve will make the correction and post the minutes on the website.

Approval of the February 15, 2012 meeting agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus with one correction. Larry was not able to attend the meeting. Chuck will give a brief report on the request for quotes on the residing project.

Visitor comments: There were no comments from visitors attending the meeting.

Staff Reports

Community Services/Cindy Fields: Cindy reported that 185 meals were served from the Soup Kitchen the previous Sunday. She said she was concerned that summer meal counts would be higher. She has seen many new faces and asked that we keep the Community Service program in our prayers. Cindy told the Council that Juli Dixon, long-time Sunday morning lead volunteer would be leaving on February 19th and there was a small reception being planned in her honor to thank her for her service over the last five years.

A Special Events Committee is needed to organize special events and help perhaps organize fundraising activities for Community Services. She noted that community building is needed now more than ever. She has started the background work on a possible golf tournament this summer and will provide more information later. Cindy also said that we have a seminarian working with the homeless youth outreach program and will resume independent living activities programs with his help and in consultation with Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption.

Maintenance/Chuck Bowman: Chuck reported that work is still being done on the baptismal font. The basement work also continues with shelving being built. He noted the asbestos project is not complete, but that work is continuing. The security cameras have arrived and Steve is working on getting them set up and running. Chuck told the Council that the siding quote is almost complete and they hoped to have bids by the end of March. The storage shed will be built during spring break by Conner Gilman, an Eagle Scout who has taken on the shed as a project.

Religious Education/Bob Barnard: Bob reported that catechumens and candidates in the RCIC and RCIA programs will be participate in the Rite of Election at Sacred Heart Cathedral on

February 26, 2012. He is also working on plans for a confirmation retreat for youth involved in that program.

Bob was asked about the date for the First Communion Mass. He said he had four children in the program and would meet with Fr. Fred about a date.

Old Business

Fr. Fred gave a brief overview of his meeting with Bishop Kettler. He said that Tammy and Jack have been busy getting ready for the audit, but that Jack would be attending the March parish council meeting to update members on the status of the parish budget. Fr. Fred also told the council that he was looking for a volunteer to help cover the office over spring break; Cheryle would be on vacation.

Fr. Fred also asked that we keep in mind that he is still looking for volunteer groups to help with the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. The Parish Council will be in charge of the program on Friday, March 30th with a light supper before Stations that evening.

Dave Doudna asked Fr. about the audit and when it would begin. Fr. stated it was to begin next week. Dave also noted that he was glad that Jack would be at the March meeting to discuss the budget. He noted that the amount needed/total budget number has been high.

New Business

Liturgical Committee: Shannon Christiansen gave a report on the committee's efforts to begin raising funds for replacements for the linens. She noted they were in poor shape. She said she was looking into the possibility of a 50/50 raffle and that ICC had a valid raffle permit.

Parish Council Fish Fry/March 30, 2012: Phyliss Dixon is chairing the dinner and will put notices in the bulletin. There will be no charge for the dinner, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Money raised will be split between Community Service and Religious Education.

Member Comments

Phyliss said she was very happy the siding project was moving forward, but shared concerns about how it would be paid for when we had other budget concerns as well.

Dave asked about the Seder Meal and if it would be a parish activity this year since we did not do Mardi Gras. Fr. Fred said that he has been in contact with Georgianne Want and Jodi Stack regarding the meal and would have a report at the March meeting. Dave also noted that perhaps a face-to-face plea or phone call asking for financial help from parishioners would be helpful. He wondered if putting a specific amount needed for a specific need in the bulletin would also help.

Fr. Fred expressed his appreciation for the council members and again noted that Jack Tragis would be at the March meeting to further discuss the financial condition of the parish.

Fr. closed the meeting with prayer and a blessing. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Phyliss Dixon, Parish Council Secretary