

Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Joe Fields at 7:01 p.m., followed by an opening prayer and Gospel Meditation led by Fr. Zygmunt.

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

**Members absent:** Annie Dobbs.

**Staff present:** Bob Barnard and Chuck Bowman. Cindy was ill and not able to attend the meeting.

**Visitors present:** Tony Karl and Shannon Christiansen.

There were no visitor comments.

**Approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting:** Mullins moved, Doudna seconded, to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Approval of the meeting agenda for February 16, 2011:** The agenda was amended to move *Old Business* items before *New Business* items. Mardi Gras was added to the agenda under Old Business. Doudna moved, Bob Mantei, seconded, to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Motion carried.

### **Staff Reports**

Bob reported that the Religious Education Valentine fundraiser went well. The *Theology of the Body* program will start Sunday, February 20. He also said he is organizing mini-retreats for the catechists and that training is ongoing.

Chuck told the Council that he has received estimates for the sprinkler upgrades. He planned to have the proposal ready in the coming week for presentation to the Finance Committee. He noted that work will be done in the spring when lines can safely be flushed. The system needs to be flood tested every two years.

### **Old Business**

In response to questions regarding the Parish Council receiving monthly financial reports, Fr. Zygmunt said that Jack Tragis, Finance Committee member, would do a presentation to the Council at the end of the fiscal year in June.

The Council postponed the work session on the Five Year Pastoral Plan to Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in Murphy Hall.

There was not a report on Mardi Gras, but Joe thought it was to be a dinner/dance event. Council members expressed concern that if tickets were to be sold, they should be available now. Joe said he would check on the details with Cindy.

### **New Business**

Council members received copies of emails that had been sent to Joe as Parish Council chairperson regarding several concerns from Dr. Jim Bicigo, director of our music ministry. Fr. Zygmunt said he would like to wait to discuss these issues with Fr. Basil when he returns. He would like to meet with Jim and Fr. Basil before commenting on the emails. Fr. said he will update the Council at the March meeting.

### **Pastoral Administrator Comments**

Fr. Zygmunt said the Parish will once again host Lenten Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent. There will be a meatless potluck before the Stations in Murphy Hall. Fr. Zygmunt also asked the Council to think about the possibility of the Council hosting a fundraising potluck before Stations.

Council members liked the idea of sponsoring the potluck and asking for donations rather than asking for a specific amount of money for dinner. The Council agreed to host the potluck on the last Friday of Lent – April 15<sup>th</sup>. A discussion of the proceeds being used for the youth program will take place at the next meeting.

### **Member comments**

Phyliss Dixon told the Council the Healing Mass conducted by Bishop Kettler was a beautiful, serene event in our church. She said she was very impressed with the blending of our Catholic heritage and Alaska Native culture into the Mass. She also noted several important upcoming events for our candidates and catechumens; the Rite of Welcoming and Rite of Election.

Phyliss also addressed a concern about an item in the bulletin on February 6. The altar flowers for the weekend were “for the conversion of the Jews.” She stated she was very angry and appalled that something worded like that would be in our parish bulletin. It was an affront to our Jewish brothers and sisters and was not appropriate. Fr. Zygmunt was out of town and did not know of the item in the bulletin, but said he would speak with Fr. Basil about the issue.

Bob Mantei told the Council he had concerns about the homily on January 23<sup>rd</sup> when Fr. Basil said if you want to leave the parish, leave. A parishioner had asked Bob if the priest meant if you don’t feel comfortable, keep looking for another parish. Fr. Zygmunt was not in attendance at the Mass and since Fr.

Basil was out of town, he could not say what was meant, but he felt the parishioner probably misunderstood what Fr. Basil was saying.

Dave Doudna said he thought the Mass was to be the same for all. We come for the Eucharist and it is the job of the priest or deacon to present the readings to us through their homily.

Larry Mantei added that we get out what we put into our celebration.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer at 8:23 p.m. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Phyliss Dixon  
Council Secretary