

Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish
Parish council Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order by chair, Steve Mullins, at 7 p.m. Fr. Fr. led us in prayer.

Members present: Steve Mullins, Dave Doudna, Joe Fields, Bob Mantei, Mary Robinson, Tony Karl, Larry Mantei, Annie Dobbs, and George Yaska.

Staff present: Fr. Fred Bayler, Cindy Fields, Chuck Bowman.

Visitors present: Paulette Russell, Jodi Stack, Shannon Christensen.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 16, 2012: The minutes were approved by consensus.

Approval of the meeting agenda for June 19, 2012: The agenda was approved by consensus.

Staff Reports

Community Service/Cindy Fields: Cindy reported that the Soup Kitchen served 127 meals on Saturday and 175 meals on Sunday. She now has a van to use to pick up supplies at the Food Bank. She needs volunteers to help lift the heavy loads. The new shelves are very nice in the basement. A golf tournament will be held to benefit the Soup Kitchen on Aug. 24 at the Country Club at 5 pm.

Religious Education/Fr. Fred: Deacon Bob Bernard is no longer the director of RE. We will put a notice in the bulletin asking for a part-time RE coordinator. We would like to have books ordered and child protection programs in place soon. Phyliss Dixon will lead the RCIA program. Maybe we can get UAF students to apply since we can transport them with our new eight passenger van. He will hold a meeting with all those interested in our RE program on June 27 at 7 pm in Murphy Hall.

Maintenance/Chuck Bowman: Chuck reported that the storage shed (Eagle Scout project) is almost complete. Connor Gilman (Eagle Scout candidate) is out of town for most of the summer. Connor will work on it when he can. The road construction is causing a lot of shaking. The 40% warning went off while the new road was being compacted. Insulation and plywood have been installed on the west and north sides of the church. Some rotten wood was repaired. Conduit for wires have been put in the walls so that we will no longer see the wires from inside the church. Shannon Christensen asked for a spot light for adoration and Chuck can work something out for that request. The lower walls were almost empty of sawdust for insulation so we should see a reduction in heating costs. Fr. Sean Thompson is taking care of all the old siding.

Health Ministry/Jodi Stack: Jodi reported doing monthly blood pressure checks and noticed that when the parish was in transition the blood pressures reflected that. Now that the parish is more stable, the blood pressures are better. The Health Ministry had enough money to buy a new blood pressure set. So, now they will be able to monitor blood pressure for children and adults of all sizes. A student nurse Elizabeth Scerbak volunteered to help.

Fundraising Committee Report/Jodi Stack and Paulette Russell (co-chairs): Larry Mantei reported that Boy Scout Troop 38 will be selling hot dogs and soda during Golden Days. Jodi reported that they recently made \$1,382.96 (bake Sale \$776.96, Corsage sale \$606.00). That is

seed money for future projects. Dave Doudna reported the selling of 5 large and 12 small Joe Hruska prints of his ICC painting. He is still working on getting bronze and resin casts of the Processional Cross.

Old Business

Annie Dobbs and Mary Robinson reported that the parish picnic was wonderful. All of the 300+ name tags were given out. We think there about 400 people total. By God's grace we had good weather and just enough food. It was nice to have the Earl Hughes Band but we should make sure they have water.

New Business

Fr. Fred reported that the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 is balanced. Weekly donations are up.

Parish Council Elections

Steve Mullins - Chair
George Yaska - Co-chair
Mary Robinson - Secretary
Dave Doudna - Member-at-Large

Member Comments

Annie welcomes George Yaska to the parish council.

George told the council about his work as a fundraiser, lobbyist, he went to Monroe, and currently works on drilling rigs.

Larry's son Robby went to Alaska Catholic Youth Conference (ACYC) in Anchorage. He expressed interest in his whole family going next year.

Joe regretted not being able to attend the parish picnic but it was a very good experience working with the Memorial Moving Wall.

Mary would like to see the "teaching moments" before Mass brought back. She would also like to see some guest speakers brought in for Adult RE formation. Mary has been coordinating docents to give tours of ICC. She has three people interested. One has already started but says 4-6 pm is a bad time of day for tours since nobody is showing up.

Dave welcomed George and Tony. He wanted to make the council aware of the Fortnight for Freedom being held for religious liberties from June 21-July4, 2012.

Next meeting: July 18, 2012 Tony and George will be absent.

Fr. Fred led a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Submitted by Mary Robinson
Parish Council Secretary