

Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Larry Mantei. Fr. Zygmunt led the group in an opening prayer and Gospel meditation and reflection.

Members present: Phyliss Dixon, Joe Fields, Larry Mantei, Bob Mantei, Mary Robinson and Katrina Yanish.

Members absent: Dave Doudna, Annie Dobbs and Steve Mullins.

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

Visitors present: Rose Todd, Jack Tragis, Grayce Barnard, Sean Stack, Jodi Stack, Robbie Mantei, Hugh Connelly and Sandy Connelly.

Visitor comments: Jodi Stack told the Council she was there to hear the budget discussion as well as provide information about the parish health ministry. Jack Tragis announced that he and the Finance Committee would begin work on the 2011-12 budget next week. He was also present to discuss the financial statement for the prior fiscal year (2010-2011) later in the meeting. Hugh and Sandy Connelly were also present to hear the discussion of the parish budget.

Approval of the minutes of the June 15, 2011 meeting: The minutes were amended under "Member Comments" to add "Paul Perrault, Chief Engineer for the Diocese discussed with Chuck, having the bell tower and bell checked for safety before we began ringing it on Sunday mornings." The amended minutes were approved by consensus.

Approval of the July 20, 2011 meeting agenda: The meeting agenda was approved, with no additions, by consensus.

Staff reports

Cindy Fields, Community Service: Cindy told the Council that the number of meals being served from the Soup Kitchen was down slightly, due to many community activities during the month. She has been given a donation of print artwork and note cards that she shared with the group. The items will be on sale at the Golden Days concession if anyone is interested.

Cindy also told the Council she is working with Sr. Dorothy at the Chancery on offering a series of workshops on the social teachings of the Catholic Church. She will provide additional information at the next meeting.

Bob Barnard, Religious Education: Bob reported the youth camping trip to Denali was wonderful. The car wash fundraiser paid for the youngsters who attended. He said 25 kids participated, plus adult chaperones.

Bob said he has started working on the religious education program for the upcoming year. The adult Bible study program will be on the Acts of the Apostles; middle and high school students will participate in the Theology of the Body program.

Chuck Bowman, Maintenance: Chuck reported the sprinkler system is complete; but did note that sprinklers must be installed in the vestments closet and closet in Bob's office. He noted that we have a 30-day window to put a plan together and once approved by inspectors, one year to implement. The installation of the sprinklers will be done next spring when the annual inspection is done.

Chuck also reported that he had followed up with Paul Perrault regarding the inspection of the bell tower and bell. Paul is not able to do the inspection himself but, Mark Martin has agreed to do the inspection and submit a proposal for any necessary repairs. Stack Company will be doing some heat zone work and correction of water temperature problems in the restrooms. He said the van was still in need of repair and that he was still working on the offices and will begin work on the parlor soon.

Old Business

Golden Days Celebration: Phyliss Dixon gave a short report on preparations for the Golden Days Celebration. Food has been purchased from the Catholic Boy Scout Troop. They had a fundraiser scheduled for the previous weekend and it was rained out. Leaders offered the parish the food and drinks at cost. Phyliss noted that she did not expect we would make a lot of money, but that it was important after a long hiatus, that our presence be seen in the community during this community-wide event.

Harvest Festival: ICC's annual Harvest Festival is scheduled for Sunday, September 18, 2011 from 1-4 p.m. at the Dog Musher's Hall. Annie Dobbs and Mary Robinson will co-chair this years' event.

Tuition Assistance: Fr. Zygmunt said so far there was only one applicant for the program. The deadline is fast approaching. He said he will notify the council members who have volunteered to assist when the deadline has passed. Annie Dobbs, Dave Doudna, Steve Mullins and Phyliss Dixon will serve on the committee.

New Business

Finance Committee Report: Jack Tragis presented the financial statements for fiscal year 2010-11. There was discussion about the plan and explanations of various budget categories were given. Jack noted the Finance Committee would meet on July 28th to begin work on the 2011-12 budget. The council will be provided information when that process is completed.

Five Year Plan: The Council will meet in September to begin working on the plan again. Several members noted that it had been a very busy summer and they would like to meet in the fall after school starts.

Member comments

Joe asked when the building committee would be meeting. Larry will check with members and set a date in the near future.

Fr. Zygmunt had no comments and led the group in closing prayers.

The next council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21 in Murphy Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Submitted by Phyliss Dixon
Parish Council Secretary