

Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2011

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, Bob Mantei, Larry Mantei, Steve Mullins, Mary Robinson and Katrina Yanish. All members were present.

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

**Visitors present:** There were numerous visitors present at the parish council/town hall meeting.

Fr. Fred gave a brief explanation of his presence as our new pastor and how his appointment came to be. He said that Fr. Zygmunt and Fr. Basil's departure from Fairbanks was a mutual decision of both the priests and Bishop Kettler. Fr. Fred told the group he was very happy to be with us and was anxious to get on with the vision of what Immaculate Conception Parish should be. He discussed several issues that needed to be dealt with – primarily the building siding and he hoped we would be able to begin that project in the spring.

**Visitor comments:** Peggy Mantei addressed the need for a parish funeral committee to assist with organizing funeral receptions that were held in Murphy Hall. Fr. Fred noted that Sacred Heart had a busy hospitality committee and it might be a good thing to institute in our parish. Phyliss will discuss the idea with Cindy before the next meeting.

Shannon Christiansen told the Council that more committees are needed to work in parish activities. She said she was involved with working on purchasing new vestments and new parishioners were needed to begin training in the laundering and care of sacramental items. Shannon will talk with Rose Marie and Alice on this program.

**Approval of the July 20, 2011 meeting minutes:** Fields moved, Doudna seconded to approve the minutes of the July meeting as amended. The minutes were changed to reflect the correct spelling of Mark Martin's name.

**Approval of the September 21, 2011 meeting agenda:** The agenda was amended to include "Health Ministry" under staff reports.

**Staff reports:**

*Community Service:* Cindy was not present at the meeting due to an injury.

*Bob Barnard, Religious Education:* Bob gave a report on the on-going religious education activities. RCIA and RCIC have started for the year. The RCIC program is running two sessions this year – one on Wednesday evenings and one on Saturdays. He noted that the last two sessions on the new Liturgy will be held in the coming weeks and that the adult Bible Study program on the *Acts of the Apostles* will be starting. Bob also said the youth group had a great kick-off and would be starting Theology of the Body for both middle and high school students.

*Chuck Bowman, Maintenance:* Chuck said that he was looking forward to working with Fr. Fred. He thanked Tammy for her work in giving Fr. Zygmunt and Fr. Basil a wonderful going-away party. Chuck said that he had met with Fr. Fred on building maintenance issues. The plumbing

and heating upgrades are complete. The sprinkler system work still needs to be done; the final report has not been received.

*Jodi Stack, Health Ministry:* Jodi provided the council with a written report with information about referrals done by parish nurses, blood pressure weekends, spiritual advancement done by nurses and information on the upcoming "Journey to Bethlehem" program. Jodi also encouraged parish council members to attend Adoration at least once a month.

### **Old Business**

Phyliss Dixon reported that the Golden Days Celebration was a good opportunity for ICC to be seen in the community once again. The food sale was not a profitable one this year, but she expected it would be as the community realized we were once again participating in the annual event in the coming years.

Mary Robinson and Annie Dobbs reported that a great time was had by all who attended the Harvest Festival. The weather was great and both offered special thanks to all who helped set up and clean up. Everyone especially enjoyed Fr. Fred and his music addition to the festivities.

Steve Mullins reported that two families were awarded tuition scholarships in August and they have been notified.

Church Bell Ringing: The quiet clapper is beginning to be used. Altar servers will be trained in the future to take over the bell ringing before Mass on Saturday and Sundays.

Larry Mantei gave a brief report on the reactivation of the Building Committee. They met in August for the first time in two years and discussed a variety of items. The committee plans to meet with Fr. Fred in the very near future.

Steve Mullins told the assembly that the parish council had met on September 17 to begin discussions and work on the Five-Year Plan with Fr. Fred. Fr. Fred requested that he have some time to look over the plan and carefully review it before meeting again.

### **New Business – There were no new business items on the agenda.**

#### **Member Comments:**

Birthday wishes were extended to Bob Mantei.

Dave thanked all the visitors for their comments and suggestions.

Joe Fields publicly thanked the Central Labor Council for their donation of food to the Soup Kitchen.

Parish council members unanimously welcomed Fr. Fred to our parish.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Phyliss Dixon, Secretary