

Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order by chair, Steve Mullins at 7:02 p.m.

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

Staff present: Cindy Fields and Chuck Bowman.

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

Visitor's comments

Shannon spoke to the Council about the Liturgical Committee and the need for some new vestments as well as volunteers that are needed. She said that Alice Hossfield would like to retire. Parish council members suggested that a notice be placed in the bulletin with a list of duties. Dave inquired whether the committee would be doing fundraising to pay for new vestments. Shannon said that unless the expenses were over \$500.00, they would not be fundraising.

Approval of the November 9, 2011 meeting minutes: Approved by consensus.

Approval of the December 7, 2011 meeting agenda: Approved by consensus.

Staff reports:

Community Service, Cindy Fields: Cindy reported that Thanksgiving was wonderful. Numerous volunteers helped serve approximately 350 meals. Fr. Sean and the Boy Scouts, members of Christ Lutheran Church as well as parish and community volunteers were here to assist with the meals. Cindy also reported that Stone Soup and Bobby's Restaurant will be providing special celebrations for Christmas on December 23rd and 24th. It has been decided that the Soup Kitchen will serve a small brunch during the normal times of operation on Christmas Day (falls on Sunday this year).

Maintenance, Chuck Bowman: Chuck reported that he is working on risk management issues, as well as a security system for the church. He noted that the Subaru was in the shop; it had been backed into in the parking lot, but would be fixed soon. He said Joe Hruska is continuing work on the baptismal font and that the building committee should meet soon to discuss the siding project. He also called attention to the storage building that is in the side lot along the building. It has been loaned to us for use by Tony Karl.

Religious Education, Bob Barnard: Bob is attending a school board meeting and will give his report later in the meeting.

Old Business

Missals and Music: Fr. Fred said our musicians would prefer using the *Breaking Bread* with one preferring the *Ritual Songs*. He said the musicians were planning to attend the

meeting to make their case for each. He asked that the discussion be tabled until the January meeting when the musicians would attend the meeting.

ICC Financial Status: Fr. Fred said the situation seems to be improving, but he will evaluate in January after the holidays. He said that only 50 families had returned their census forms to date. He also stated he has asked Bishop Kettler for financial assistance and has not heard back as yet.

New Business

Proposed Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Guadalupe: Fr. Fred told the council he would like their thoughts on the possibility of a parish-sponsored pilgrimage to Mexico City some time in 2012-13. He said he had not started the process as yet, but would like members' thoughts.

Member comments:

Phyliss asked that the Mass schedules for Christmas be put in the bulletin starting this weekend. She noted that there had been no mention of the Thanksgiving Day Mass time and thought it would be a good idea to begin publishing that information as soon as possible.

Dave encouraged parish council members to return their census forms!

Larry asked that staff continue to push completing the census forms through the bulletin and have them placed in the vestibule.

Katrina said that she had been asked many times about the possibility of a second photo opportunity for parishioners. She said that CSA may consider it for the spring/Easter.

Joe noted that our parish Book of Intentions needed attention. The pages were not included and people have taken the back side of a previously used sheet and started a new sheet.

Continuing Staff Reports:

Bob Barnard arrived and gave a brief report on the music and Missal. He noted the *Breaking Bread* is the most cost effective and perhaps parishioners could be asked to donate a small sum toward their purchase. The music is purchased through a yearly subscription, but covers for the Missal and *Breaking Bread* will need to be purchased.

Bob announced the Christmas pageant would take place Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. at the school.

Fr. Fred closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:
Phyliss Dixon
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