

Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by chairperson, Joe Fields, followed by an opening prayer and meditation.

**Members present:** Bob Mantei, Randy Kinsey, Larry Mantei, Katrina Yanish, Annie Dobbs, Steve Mullins, Tammy Want, Phyliss Dixon and Joe Fields. All members were present.

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

**Visitors:** Shannon Christiansen

There were no visitor comments.

*Mullins* moved, *Kinsey* seconded to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2010 meeting as amended. Motion carried.

*Mullins* moved, *Want* seconded to approve agenda as presented. Tammy suggested the agenda format be changed to put approval of agenda and minutes before visitor introductions and comments. Motion carried.

### **Staff Reports**

#### Community Service: Cindy Fields

Cindy reported that all is going well in getting ready for Christmas dinner. She reported her trip to Anchorage was very beneficial and that she feels Fairbanks is catching up with Anchorage in services offered to the homeless. She also gave the Council a brief update on plans for the shelter.

#### Religious Education: Deacon Bob Barnard

Bob reported the Advent Festival was a success. He said the youth group would begin the "Theology of the Body" in January. Meetings will be held jointly with Sacred Heart and there approximately 20-25 youth participating in the program. Plans are also well underway for the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve.

#### Maintenance: Chuck Bowman

Chuck briefed the Council on the recent pipe failure. He said everything had been cleaned up and dried out. Having the carpet cleaned may have to be scheduled for a later date. He also told the Council that Accel has made several

recommendations for upgrades including installing a "911 Call Box" outside the building. Staff is waiting for estimates for the work.

Randy thanked Chuck for all his work in repairing the kneelers. A great group assembled and had the work done in no time, thanks to Chuck's planning.

### **New Business**

Mardi Gras: Randy mentioned that Fr. Basil had told the Parish Council at their last meeting that Mardi Gras was considered a pagan festival and that he and Fr. Zygmunt would prefer a Lenten Festival instead. Randy gave the Council a brief history of Mardi Gras and said that he would like to continue the parish's Mardi Gras tradition. He noted that it is a good fundraiser for the Soup Kitchen as the entire community participates. Parish council members agreed that it was a wonderful outreach to the Fairbanks community to become involved in our work through the Soup Kitchen.

*Kinsey* moved, *Want* seconded to implement the Social and Community Activities portion of the parish Five-Year Plan and sponsor the annual Mardi Gras Festival with proceeds being split between the Soup Kitchen and Special Events.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

Implementation of Five-Year Plan: Joe told the Council that we are at the mid-way point of the first year of the plan and it was important for the Council to begin implementation of the short-term goals in the plan. Work has begun on some parts of the plan, but clarification of who is to be implementing each of the areas is needed.

Parish Council members agreed to hold a special meeting on Saturday, January 8, 2011 to discuss these matters.

There were no Pastoral Administrator comments, as both Fr. Zygmunt and Fr. Basil were not able to attend the meeting.

There were no member comments.

The next regular meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Phyliss Dixon, Secretary

