

Approved Immaculate Conception Parish Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2010

Attendance: Fr. Hillary Andebo, Mike Berendzen, Nick Borgmeyer, Fr. Pat Dolan, Katrina Farrow, Celeste Keilholz, Scott Kreutz, Jim Macy, Sr. Laura Magowan, Megan Rockwell, Karen Sander, Mark Saucier, Mike Schnieders, Diane Stieffermann, Jill Struempf, Debbie Troesser, Fr. David Viet.

Guests: Cindy McGrail, Judy Hudson, John Meyer, Jim Skain

Call to Order: Mark Saucier called the meeting to order and opened with a scripture read by Diane Stieffermann.

Old Business:

Minutes: The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Leadership Training: Fr. Pat sent letters to the leaders of the parish's organizations inviting them to the Leadership Training scheduled February 23 at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Pleus Hall. Sr. Kathleen Wegman, Chancellor, will conduct the training. Fr. Pat will confirm a count of attendees. He will also ask several parish council members to be greeters at this training. More discussion will follow at the next parish council meeting.

Sister Parish: Mark Saucier reported that an initial meeting was held to discuss the pros and cons of sponsoring Pisco versus somewhere else. The committee concluded because of the history of the diocese in Peru, this would be a good place to start. Anticipated travel is May/June.

Year of the Priest: Barb Swanson, Terry Lyskowski and Jim Macy formed a plan to celebrate the Year of the Priest. Beginning in January, several pastors and associates will be recognized through special intentions and the prayer "Shepherds of the Flock" will be said at all masses. A carry-in dinner inviting the past IC pastors in April or June is also being planned. Katrina Farrow volunteered to get the prayer printed so that it can be placed in the back of the hymnals. Parish council members thanked Jim Macy, Barb Swanson and Terry Lyskowski for their work.

Knights of Columbus New Council Proposal: Fr. Pat or Fr. Dave will speak about this at all masses the weekend of January 16 and 17.

Website Update: Meghan Rockwell has contacted Karen Wisch about adding links and providing help for the parish website. This will be discussed further at the next parish council meeting.

Fr. David Viet suggested creating an institutional face book for the parish to supplement the website. Facebooks have become a trend among the younger population and are an effective way to communicate and distribute information. Liability issues were voiced as a concern. This will be discussed further at the next parish council meeting.

New Business:

Diocesan Pastoral Council: John Meyer presented the parish council with talking points for the deanery/parishes/groups in preparation for the DPC meeting on February 27. Jill Struempf and Fr. Pat provided answers to these talking points to John Meyer.

Nurse Program: Cindy McGrail and Judy Hudson reported ideas for establishing a parish nurse. They started with the older adults by attending the older adults' breakfasts and checked blood pressures, brought in speakers for health related topics, etc. The response was very positive and they feel there is a need for a parish nurse which will be a paid position.

Church Incorporation: Jim Skain gave a report on the incorporation of IC.

Elections: Mark Saucier was elected President; Mike Berendzen, Vice President; and Debbie Troesser, Secretary.

The next meeting will be February 9.

The meeting concluded with a prayer by Fr. David Viet.

Submitted by Diane Stieffermann, Secretary