

Approved Immaculate Conception Parish Council Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2009

Attendance: Fr. Hillary Andebo, Mike Berendzen, Fr. Pat Dolan, Katrina Farrow, Jim Macy, Sr. Laura Magowan, Megan Rockwell, Mark Saucier, Emily Scheulen, Mike Schnieders, Diane Stiefermann, Debbie Troesser, Fr. David Viet, and Kenny Wildhaber, Jr.

Guest: Jo Anderson

Call to Order: Kenny Wildhaber called the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with a scripture read by Megan Rockwell.

Old Business:

Minutes: The minutes of the September meeting were approved with the correction of Fr. Dave's title from Dr. to Fr.

Pastoral Planning: A summary of Priority #1 was presented to the committee members at the Super Tuesday meeting on September 15. Fr. Pat, Kenny Wildhaber and Mark Saucier will meet to prepare summaries of Priorities #2 and #3.

Why Catholic? Program: Fr. Pat reported approximately 340 have signed up for this program.

CRHP: Sr. Laura reported the attendance for the men's CRHP was 12 and women's totaled 14. The dates for CRHP in 2010 are March 27-28 (men's) and April 10-11 (women's).

Training Packets for New Members: New members will receive a packet containing the parish by-laws, parish council member listing, report format for the parish council, minutes from the last one or two parish council meetings, pastoral planning priorities, and a letter from the president of the parish council addressing confidentiality at closed portions of the meetings.

Other Old Business: Discussion on Church Security. Locks on inner glass door maybe helpful!

New Business:

Jo Anderson presented Diocesan Pastoral Council Talking Points in preparation for the upcoming DPC meeting. Question #1 pertained to death penalty moratorium. Parish council members felt this topic should be forwarded to the Social Concerns Committee for discussion. Question #2 focused on youth ministry.

Members were asked to think about possible nominations/appointments for the four organizations with terms ending this year: Holy Name (Kenny Wildhaber), Young Adult (Josh Kampeter), Immaculata Club (Terry Lyskowski) and Christian Education (Barb Swanson). Elections will be held in November.

Kenny Wildhaber reported receiving complaints that the concrete steps outside of church are difficult to see at night and thought they would need a strip of yellow paint.

Stewardship packets were mailed/sent home the week of Oct. 4.

Mike Schnieders asked the parish council their thoughts on the parish hosting a Thanksgiving Day dinner at IC for the needy. Both the Salvation Army and the First Baptist Church already provide this but he thought it would a good idea for IC to do the same. He talked to Marilyn Defeo to ascertain the need for this and she agreed. The general consensus of the council was that it was a great idea, but to start out small this year. Several council members volunteered to help. The time of the meal would be at noon on Thanksgiving Day.

The next parish council meeting is scheduled for November 10.

The meeting concluded with a prayer by Fr. Dave.

Submitted by Diane Stieffermann, Secretary