

**Immaculate Conception Parish Council Minutes
November 11, 2008**

Attendance: Jill Struempf, Jo Anderson, Tom Fennessey, Fr. Pat Dolan, Fr. Ben Nwosu, Mike Shepard, Barb Swanson, Ken Wildhaber, Ruth Hasenbeck, Terry Lyskowski, Mike Berendzen, Katrina Farrow, Megan Rockwell, Sister Laura and Donna Purvis.

Call to Order: John 2:12-22 was read and then thoughts were shared by members.

Diocesan Pastoral Council: John Meyer reported on recent directions set by the diocese and asked for reaction to them. "Why Catholic?" from RENEW International based on the Catechism is a 4 year program adopted by 34 dioceses nationally. Parish cost is \$1800 per pastor for training and materials. It will focus on the Creed, sacraments, morality, and prayer. Initial information will be provided at a session on 11/20; IC will be represented. The program will begin in the fall of '09.

A program to combat pornography, "As for Me & My House," has been initiated with the showing of the DVD at Masses the weekend of 11/09. Information on the topic has been sent to homes of school parents.

Suggestions from the council to DPC include:

1. Continue to strengthen outreach to the growing Hispanic population in the diocese looking for ways to form leadership within their numbers.
2. Focus on ways to provide social and spiritual companionship for youth in parishes, specifically in Jefferson City. Consider establishing a place for newly confirmed and other youth to "hang-out" with other Catholic youth.

Old Business:

Minutes: The minutes of the October 14, 2008 meeting were approved.

Report on Super Tuesday: The first meeting generally went well. Improvements suggested were to not have a meal each time or limit the amount of food and keep the meal time shorter. Administration is the only commission with a scheduled meeting in November. A meal will not be planned.

Parish Council Expired Terms: Jo Andersen with Home and School will be replaced by Diane Stieferman and Ruth Hasenbeck with St. Ann's will be replaced by Emily Scheulen. Voting for parish representatives will be held at Masses the weekend of 11/16.

New Business:

Stewardship Response: Donna Purvis reported 680 responses have been received, about 100 more than last year at this time. Half of school families have responded; others will be contacted. Two more reminders will be given to the parish at large. Ministry responses will be distributed to chairs in December.

CHRP: Sr. Laura reported the women's retreat was held in October; men's retreat will be rescheduled for spring. Seed committee outreach to other parishes continues with 2 sessions at Mexico and women's retreats at Wardsville and St. Peter, JC.