

Immaculate Conception Parish Council Minutes
February 19, 2008

Attendance: Kenny Wildhaber Jr., Fr. Pat Dolan, Sr. Laura Magowan, Jo Anderson, Tom Fennessey, Mike Shepard, Ruth Hasenbeck, Joshua Kampeter, Barb Swanson, Mike Berendzen, Katrina Farrow and Megan Rockwell

Call To Order: Kenny Wildhaber Jr. called the meeting to order. A scripture passage was read and discussed. Fr. Pat led the group in prayer.

Old Business:

Minutes: Mike Shepard made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting as amended. Ruth Hasenbeck seconded the motion.

Photos: Fr. Pat is working on details for the display board in Stewardship Hall. Photos are still coming in from the different commissions. All photos to be displayed should be sent to the rectory (via email if possible).

Clarification of Christian Education By-Laws: At request of the parish council, the term quorum has been defined as follows: One more than half of the number of members on the commission. A recommendation was made to add a revision date to the by-laws.

Organ Selection & Funding: Other bids for a replacement organ were solicited after initial pricing came in higher than expected. A bid for a similar model (only 2 rows of keys instead of 3) from another company came in at a lower price and installation could start as soon as early March.

Update on the Ad Hoc Pastoral Guidance Committee: The small groups have been meeting. The entire group has a meeting on February 20, 2008.

School Principal Status: Ads have been posted and responses are due by February 22, 2008.

Parish Council Web page: Information was shared regarding what was found in the review of other parish Web sites. Several good examples were presented. Mark Saucier, the communication director for the diocese, will be contacted for more information. Council members gave recommendations of parishioners to be on the Web site committee.

Deanery Talking Points: Fr. Pat sent in a summary of the council's responses to be taken back to the DPC meeting on February 19, 2008.

New Business:

Campus Update: The parish continues to work with businesses interested in leasing the remainder of the property next to Save-A-Lot. The parish is also looking into the possibility of adding air conditioning to Kennedy Hall next summer.

Servers' Preparedness: Some concerns were brought forth regarding the preparation that servers receive. Suggestions were made to try utilizing different training materials/techniques such as DVD's (visual learning) and to work on scheduling so that 2 inexperienced servers are not paired together. The concerns and suggestions will be shared with those who administer the server training.

Blood Drive Concerns: Some concerns were brought forth regarding the coordination that takes place between the parish, American Red Cross and Community Blood Center for blood drives. It was suggested that the parish schedule 2 blood drives per year, one with Community Blood Center and one with Red Cross. The social concerns commission has been designated to oversee the scheduling of these blood drives, but the actual blood drives will be organized and worked by other parish organizations that have volunteered. It was also recommended that the parish contact individuals that signed up as blood donors on their Time and Talent sheets to help increase turnout.

Parish Bulletin: The new parish bulletin format will be used starting in March.

Parish Directory: Discussion took place regarding the parish directory and how often it should be updated.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Fr. Pat.