

Approved Immaculate Conception Parish Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2009

Attendance: Fr. Pat Dolan, Katrina Farrow, Joshua Kampeter, Fr. Ben Nwosu, Sr. Laura Magowan, Mark Saucier, Mike Schnieders, Diane Stiefermann, Jill Struempf, Barb Swanson, Debbie Troesser, and Kenny Wildhaber, Jr.

Guests: Sister Kathleen Wegman and Ron Vessell

Call to Order: Kenny Wildhaber called the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with a prayer and a scripture passage. There was group discussion on the mediation question.

Old Business:

Pastoral Planning: Sister Kathleen Wegman and Ron Vessell asked council members to write one or two parish priorities based on the recommendations that were formulated at the last meeting. Members were then given colored dots to place near the priorities he/she considered most important for the pastoral plan. The three priorities with the highest number of colored dots were identified and chosen as the ones to implement. They are:

1. To develop a more pastoral program of hospitality and welcome a sister parish.
2. Develop plan to create a whole church catechesis where faith formation is stressed/developed at all stages (youth, teen, adult).
3. Implement immediate steps and long-range plans to facilitate ongoing involvement and training of new and increased numbers of parishioners as leaders in all ministry areas.

The various organizations of the parish will be asked to give their input on how to implement these priorities at the Super Tuesday meeting on April 21.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting were approved.

Why Catholic Program: Fr. Pat said a core team will be formed and divided into various ad hoc committees. Invitations will be sent for the training on March 28.

Gym Policy: Katrina Farrow reported the gym policy is on file at the rectory.

New Business:

The Social Concerns Commission will host the pot luck on Super Tuesday. As mentioned earlier, all organizations/committees, including the Parish Council, will be invited to this meeting.

Reports from the various committees were distributed.

The parish mission will be May 2 and conclude May 7 with the theme, "Holy Spirit."

Fr. Pat is in the process of having the mission statement framed and put in the meeting rooms.

Barb Swanson reported that there is room for anyone who wants to be part of a Lenten study group. The theme of this year's study is "St. Paul."

Confirmation enrollment will be held the weekend of March 14-15.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at the Super Tuesday meeting on April 21.

The meeting concluded with a prayer by Fr. Ben.

Submitted by Diane Stiefermann