

**Approved Immaculate Conception Parish Council Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2009**

Attendance: Fr. Hillary Andebo, Mike Berendzen, Fr. Pat Dolan, Katrina Farrow, Joshua Kampeter, Terry Lyskowski, Jim Macy, Sr. Laura Magowan, Mark Saucier, Emily Scheulen, Mike Schnieders, Diane Stiefermann, Jill Struempf, Barb Swanson, Debbie Troesser, Fr. David Viet, and Kenny Wildhaber, Jr.

Guests: Evan Frazier

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

Old Business:

The minutes for the June 16, 2009 meeting were approved.

Pastoral Planning: Kenny Wildhaber reminded chairpersons to submit their parish priorities to him as soon as possible. Once they are received, Fr. Pat, Kenny Wildhaber, Katrina Farrow and Mark Saucier will meet to consolidate them for the September 15 (Super Tuesday) meeting.

School Board Appointment: Rebecca Maasen will replace Jocelyn Strand for the School Board representative.

New Business:

Evan Frazier, a co-team member of the "Why Catholic?" Program, gave a short overview of the program which is to start in October. The purpose of this program is to help parishioners deepen their Catholic faith and connect its teachings to their everyday lives. Several small groups have been formed and training will begin after the "sign-up" Sunday on September 12-13.

Eucharistic Adorations concerns were discussed. These included taking security measures such as installing locks/keypads on the basement, sacristy and Adoration chapel doors. Katrina Farrow will take these ideas to the Administration committee.

There are several time slots available for Adoration if anyone is interested.

Super Tuesday will be September 15 and Christian Education will be the hosts.

At the Super Tuesday meeting, Mark Saucier will present the idea of a sponsoring a small parish in Pisco (south of Lima, Peru) as IC's sister parish to committee members. This parish was destroyed by an earthquake two years ago. It was also suggested to have a group of interested parishioners visit this parish.

Kenny Wildhaber asked members to complete and return the Parish Pastoral Council Survey he previously e-mailed to the diocese office by August 31.

With the flu season about to begin, several older parishioners have concerns about holding and shaking hands during the Lord's Prayer and the sign of peace. They don't want to appear aloof and requested that this be addressed in the bulletin/newsletter. Fr. Dave will draft something regarding this issue for Fr. Pat to review.

Fr. Pat mentioned that the diocese provides structured leadership training. These training sessions were e-mailed to the members by Kenny Wildhaber. Fr. Pat suggested incorporating training for members before/after meetings. Kenny Wildhaber will research this further.

Committee reports were distributed and discussed.

Men's CRHP is scheduled for September 26-27; women's is October 10-11.

The next Parish Council meeting will be September 8.

The meeting concluded with a prayer by Fr. Dave.

Submitted by Diane Stieffermann, Secretary