

**SUMMARY OF
November 20, 2007
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the October 16, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION: Newly elected members were announced as follows: Young Adult: Megan Rockwell; Worship: Mike Berenzden; Administration: Katrina Farrow; At-Large: Mike Schnieders.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW ADDITION: Due to Bishop Gaydos' recent hospitalization, he may not be able to attend the dedication, but he may send a representative if he is unable to attend. Stewardship Hall was selected as the name by majority vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

PARISH SPIRITUAL RENEWAL: Fr. Pat asked the Parish Council for suggestions for parishioners he could invite to assist with reviewing various approaches for parish renewal and drafting a multi-year pastoral plan for IC.

DIOCESAN EXCELLENCE for EDUCATION FOUNDATION (DEEF): Bishop Gaydos has indicated that IC will receive \$1000 per full time equivalent educator from DEEF this year.

REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION: A report from the Decorating Committee for the new addition was provided by Norma Bexten. Matt McGrail provided a report on maintenance items.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mike Shephard provided a copy of the Finance Committee report prepared by Neil Scully. Joyce Schaefer has replaced Mary Dudenhoeffer, who retired as bookkeeper. A summary financial report was shared as well as an update on pledges for the capital campaigns for IC and the diocese.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The IC READS book receiving the most votes was "Tortilla Curtain." The discussion of the book is scheduled for 1/17/2008 with wine and cheese. A Soup Supper and Advent evening of reflection on the seven sermons of Matthew's Gospel will be held on 11/29/2007.

HOLY NAME: The Pancake Breakfast on Nov. 4th was successful; the Turkey Party was Nov. 19th.

HOME & SCHOOL: The Dress Code Committee surveyed parents; responses are under review and the committee will be developing recommendations. Catholic Schools Week Chili Supper will be held Feb 2, 2008. The Fall Fling was successful, netting over \$15,800.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION: Signatures for the Anti-Cloning Petition will be gathered at church one weekend after legal issues surrounding ballot wording are resolved. Officers for 2008 are: Chairman, Linda Wegman; Vice-Chairman, Sue DeClue; and Secretary, Linda Fennessey. IC has adopted 80 families from the Samaritan Center to provide gifts and food for Christmas. The Welcoming Committee recently made 21 visits to welcome new parishioners.

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