

**SUMMARY of
December 13, 2007
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

OLD BUSINESS:

MINUTES: Minutes of the November 20, 2007 meeting were approved as amended.

NEW ADDITION: Fr. Pat shared a picture of the statue of Mary that has been ordered for the alcove on the exterior of the church.

ORGAN REPLACEMENT RECOMMENDATION: No report. Tom Fennessy will follow up with Laura Forbis and Worship Commission for a report at the next meeting.

AD HOC COMMITTEE FORMATION STATUS: Fr. Pat reported that 12 people have responded to serving on the committee. Barb Swanson, Terry Lyskowski, and Jocelyn Strand from the Parish Council will meet with Fr. Pat to develop a plan for the group's review of documents and development of a parish pastoral plan. Areas for consideration include: catechesis, evangelization, stewardship, whole community catechesis, and social concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The Bishop is asking all parishes to provide envelopes this coming weekend to parishioners to make a pledge or contribution for the annual appeal.

JANUARY MEETING: The January meeting will be moved to the fourth Tuesday on January 22. Election of officers will be held at the January meeting. It was suggested that a picture of the Parish Council be taken at that meeting.

PHOTOS of COMMISSIONS AND ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICERS: Members were requested to ask the Commissions they represent to each arrange for a photo of members. Organizational representatives should request that each of their organizations' arrange for a photo of their officers.

REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Lenten retreats are being planned. IC reads is scheduled for 1/17/08 with discussion of "Tortilla Curtain" by T.C. Boyle. Wine and cheese will be served. By-laws have been drafted and were presented at the December Parish Council. They will be considered for approval at the January meeting. Advent daily reflection booklets have been made available to parishioners. The pre-Advent "5 Soups and 5 Sermons of Matthew" evening on 11/27 was well attended with lively table discussion following a video presentation.

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