

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2008**

The meeting opened at 8:35 p.m. with a prayer.

The minutes from March 11, 2008 were read by the members and approved by Pat McGrath and JoAnn Augustine

The following members were present: Lisa DiMaggio, Jane Petitpren, Chris Ameal, Fr. David Burgard, Pam Mertes, Sean Stawiasz, Pat McGrath, JoAnn Augustine, Eileen Gretkierewicz, Stanley Sommers, Benedict B. Ehinack, Amy O'Gara, and Ed Ross.

The following members were not present: Elaine Abraham, Debie Hauer, Liz Koerber, Patty Klecha, Deacon Ken Nowicki, Theresa Austin, and Cathy Furtah.

***SCHOOL ADVISORY REPORT GIVEN BY SEAN STAWIASZ FROM MEETING 4/8/08:
See attached copy***

CHRISTIAN SERVICE REPORT GIVEN BY JOANN AUGUSTINE FROM MEETING 4/8/08:

- DEL HASKIN REPORT – 12 CARDS SENT IN MARCH, 10 SO FAR IN APRIL
- ROSARY MAKERS – WILL MEET AFTER 10 AM MASS THIS WEEKEND
- FUNERAL LUNCH REPORT – 1 IN APRIL
- COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH - AFTER ALL MASSES
- COPE (CHRISTIAN OUTREACH PROGRAM ENDEAVOR) – JOAN REPORTED SHE HAD ONE LADY REQUEST A RIDE TO A DOCTOR APPOINTMENT. IT WORKED OUT SO WELL, SHE REQUESTED A RIDE FOR NEXT WEEK
- ST. JOSEPH LAYETTE – WE COLLECTED ENOUGH FOR NINE BASKETS WHICH WILL GO TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IN PORT HURON. WILL TAKE LEFTOVERS TO COMPASSIONATE PRENANCY CENTER
- ANNIVERSARY MASS, SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH – WE HAVE MENU PLANNED AND WORKERS TO HELP PREPARE THE FOOD FOR THE RECEPTION
- BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH IN THE PARISH HALL FROM 8 AM TO 2 PM – CALL KARILYN FEHLMAN (725-8235) FOR APPT.
- CHRISTIAN SERVICE WILL BE SPONSORING A HANDCRAFTERS MINISTRY ON THE 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH BEGINNING MAY 14TH FROM 1 PM TO 3 PM. THERE WILL BE KNITTING, QUILTING AND CROCHETING. THEY WILL WORK ON MAKING AFGHANS, SHAWLS, LAP ROBES, BABY ITEMS, CHEMO CAPS, SLIPPERS FOR HOSPICE AND OTHER NEEDS WE ARE MADE AWARE OF.
- NEXT COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 18TH IN THE PARISH HALL

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP REPORT GIVEN BY FATHER DAVID FROM MEETING:

There has been no meeting since last parish council meeting. Upcoming events include honoring Mary the first Sunday of May with the Crowning after all three Sunday masses. First Communion will be that same weekend. Pentecost is May 11th which is also Mother's Day. There will be a Pentecost prayer vigil May 11th after 4:30 mass.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION REPORT GIVEN BY JANE PETITPREN:

Jr. high finished for 07-08 year April 7th. Confirmation will be April 14th at 7:00 with Bishop Reiss. Confirmation practice April 10th at 6:30. First Communion practice May 2nd with First Communion May 3rd. Final day of Faith Formation May 5th.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT GIVEN BY CHRIS AMEEL FROM MEETING ON 4/8/08
See attached copy

EVANGELIZATION REPORT GIVEN BY CHRIS AMEEL:

Parish Mission went well. These talks are now on digital audio tape and will be in the parish office for those who wish to use them. The talks will also be available in the very near future through the IC website. Formation sessions have started. The first speaker went longer than the originally planned time and was asked to keep within the stated time frame. Chris hopes that from these sessions an evangelization committee will form. This Saturday is the Men's Catholic Conference. There is still availability for the conference and on the bus. Tickets are available for those who cannot afford it.

VICARIATE REPORT GIVEN BY AMY O'GARA FROM MEETING 3/12/08:

Two schools, IC and St. Edward, have been recommended for reaccreditation by their visiting teams. The joint postcard mailing by the vicariate schools has gone out. The Lady Cardinal Basketball team is the Catholic League Champions. This gave great newspaper press for Cardinal Mooney. Deacon John Connors reported that he is very impressed with the many activities that go on in the Blue Water Vicariate Christian Service commissions. They haven't met as a vicariate since our last meeting. Bishop Boyea starts in the Lansing Diocese April 29, 2008. Bishop Flores will be the responsible Bishop for the Thumb, Blue Water, North Macomb, and Pontiac area and South west vicariates for the time being. Father David has been our Vicar since April of 2002. His term is now up and it is time to select a new Vicar.

ENRICHMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chris answered more of the Town Hall issues:

- #7 - Chris will have more information at next Parish Council meeting
- #8 - Yes.
- #9 - No. The Archdiocese expects to be paid in full before starting the next phase.
- #10 - Too hard to tell at this point. There are too many variables.
- #11 - This will be talked about more with Stewardship. It will be necessary to rent portable office to maintain business while building goes on.
- #12 - 75 percent needs to be collected.
- #13 - We will re-bid when we are closer to Phase II.
- #14 - The envelopes are now mailed every two months.
- #15 - It will be considered to have future Evangelization Committee to do this. Stewardship to discuss second part of this issue.
- #16 - This is currently being discussed in Stewardship. Questions to look at - How to market? How to educate?
- #17 - \$323,000 is still owed. This is published occasionally.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pat McGrath announced a Mother/Daughter breakfast to be held May 18th at 1:30 p.m. This event will be guided under the direction of Christian Service.

Jane Petitpren reported a staff meeting will be held regarding the 2009 master calendar. She asked all committees to submit event dates to be added.

OPEN FORUM:

Amy O'Gara suggested we put some kind of sign on the side of the gym facing the water for advertisement. Chris Ameel suggested taking this issue to School Advisory. Sean will contact Mrs. Steele.

This is a reminder to add to the next agenda the cycle of terms that is about to expire and the need for new parish council members.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Before this meeting Father David announced that he accepted a new position at St. Mary's Parish in Wayne, Michigan. He will be pastor of Immaculate Conception until June 30, 2008.

The meeting closed at 10:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa DiMaggio.