

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 6, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:10 PM with a prayer from Deacon Ken.

Members Present: Elaine Abraham, JoAnn Augustine, Joyce Bynum, Bill Gilmore, Anthony Jubinski, Julia Kinter, Mary Kot, Kevin Kukla, Pat McGrath, Natalie McPherson, Pam Mertes, John Niemeyer, Deacon Ken Nowicki, Jane Petitpren, Father Tomek Maka, Lucas Unruh, Diane Vigneron

Members Not Present: Rob Gafa, Jim Mattina

Minutes from November 8, 2011 were approved with changes – Rob Gafa was present, Pam Mertes purchased her own Parish Council handbook

Stewardship: No one present – report dated November 8, 2011 read as presented - attached

Worship: by Mary Kot – Report dated December 1, 2011 received and attached
Comment: New large print Roman Missals available on window sill

Youth Ministry: by Lucas Unruh & Julia Kinter – for Dec. 16th meeting – We are having a lock-in on Dec. 17th-18th – there will be a bake sale after every mass during the lock-in – We are asking questions for a survey during the lock-in hoping to improve their experience in the youth group. We will be asking for donations from the parish sometime in January after masses to help with the cost for March of Life – 22 teens will be going (17 are parish and H.S. Youth Group, 3 are out-of-parish teens and 2 are 8th graders). K of C has set some money aside as a donation for the March for Life.

Christian Service: by Elaine Abraham – report dated Nov. 9, 2011 received and attached.
Question about Ambassador Program – it only includes new parishioners – not current Catholics who may not attend mass regularly. John Niemeyer will research to find how to solve the problem of parishioners not heard from – AOD has a program called “Coming Home” that may help. Our parish community should show responsibility if they are members of our church – are you “in” or are you “out”. – Will be put on next month’s agenda.

Christian Formation: by Jane Petitpren – Attendance this year – Early Childhood – 13, K-6 263, 7th-8th – 81, Home School – 18 for a total of 375 children in our Faith Formation Program. Along with the I.C. school which is 208 students we have a grand total of 583 children in our parish in formation. RCIA Program – 4 Catechumens, 4 Christian Candidates and 7 Catholic Candidates for a total of 15. Capuchin Christmas Coat Program raised a total of \$3,002.00. Candidates purchased or were donated: 178 coats, 201 hats and 78 gloves. December faith formation is collecting food for the Vietnam Vets.

School Advisory: By Diane Vigneron – report dated Nov. 29, 2011 – received and attached.
Suggestion that instead of Horn of Plenty (which is a lot of work) that we have pay-to-play. Parents are too stressed with expenses to have pay-to-play so we will continue with Horn Of Plenty.

Together in Faith Phase Two School – by Diane Vigneron – final recommendations have been

presented to the Archbishop. He will make a final decision in January 2012 – most likely will be what is in the report.

Vicariate Report – vacant

Old Business:

Read new Parish Council Handbook: Question on how Education Commission will be structured. Will School Advisory be under Education? There is no rush to re-organize commissions. Upcoming Changing Lives Together will be a good time to re-organize our parish commissions and create more evangelization programs.

Lack of Progress on Handicap Ramp: Weather has been a factor in holding up completion – it should be completed soon.

New Business:

Support of Pro-Life by K of C – by Deacon Ken – Suggests K of C can help with regard to pro-life activities – invite K of C and other councils to join with Pro-Life events – prayers, contributions and actual participation in marches – Youth Group can help spread the word.

Pastor's Report: by Father Tomek

Finance Council – work in progress

New Roman Missal – unique language to God, adds solemnity to mass, Father impressed with people's responses

Enrichment Talks – pleased with attendance – Sunday afternoons seem like a good time for these talks

Administration – weekly donations are doing very well toward paying down the debt,

Hope not to go into budget to pay this, very please with the job Peggy is doing

General Comments: Note: Regarding Together in Faith, there was no input from Pastors until the very last minute, check AOD website and read for yourself, Our Lady

On the River seems to share our same traditional values

Next Meeting: January 10th – 7:00 PM (second Tuesday) – Happy New Year

Homework: “Prepare for tomorrow, because you may have to live there” What do we want to accomplish this year?

Parish Council Team Building Meeting – Thursday, January 12, 2012

Dinner and then Joe Louis Arena – Red Wing Game

Meeting closed at 8:45 PM with a prayer by Deacon Ken.

The next meeting will be January 10, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Minutes respectfully submitted by JoAnn Augustine