

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2006**

Fr. David opened the meeting with a prayer at 8:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Father David, Chris Ameel, Craig Surprenant, Tony McPherson, Theresa Austin, Pat McGrath, Liz Koerber, Jim Ruemenapp, JoAnne Augustine, Nancy Miller, Michelle Meldrum, and Karen Monsur

**NOT PRESENT:** Pieter Winne, Todd Bont, Deacon Ken and Elaine Abraham

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2006 ACCEPTED.**

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Christian Service**

- Mardi Gras/Ice Cream Social will be held on February 19, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the school.
- St. Joseph Layette to start on February 26, 2006 thru March 19, 2006.
- Anniversary Mass will be held on April 23, 2006 with a reception following mass in Parish Hall.
- Blood Drive will be held on April 30, 2006.
- Next coffee/donuts will be held on March 12, 2006.
- Next meeting will be on March 7, 2006.

**Christian Worship**

- Deacon Ken reported a successful afternoon of prayer for life on Sunday, January 22. About 40 to 50 people were present at the beginning, but the numbers dwindled throughout the afternoon. It was suggested that in the future, specific parish groups be invited to participate in various prayer services at specific times.
- Father David recently trained fourteen new 4<sup>th</sup> grade altar servers and seven 6<sup>th</sup> graders to serve funerals.
- About sixty second graders celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday, February 7. It was followed by a reception in the parish hall.
- On February 12, representatives from Peaceful Dove Catholic store was present in the parish hall after all the masses. Many took advantage of the opportunity to purchase religious goods.
- At the worship commission meeting, a discussion of Eucharistic adoration was held. It was decided to have a sign up sheet for adoration on the first Fridays of Lent, which is an all day adoration.

**SCHOOL ADVISORY/PTC**

**PTC**

- Mardi Gras/Open House will be held on February 19, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.
- Pizza Fundraiser- will go to book fees.
- Wine tasting fundraiser to be held on March 4, 2006.
- Golf Outing is set for June 16, 2006.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

- About 365 people participated in the twelve "Growing in Faith and Stewardship" town hall meetings. This represents about 275 parish households.
- A Lenten brochure with parish Lenten activities is being prepared for distribution before Lent begins.
- Little Black Lenten books for adults will be made available, as well as Lenten booklets for children.
- Deacon Charlie Fox will kick off the Lenten Wednesday adult supper and Scripture series, which focuses on the letters of St. Paul this year.
- Preparation continues for adults in the RCIA, as well as families preparing for First Eucharist.
- Father David will begin interviewing Confirmation candidates on Monday, February 27. Faith formation students will start to be interviewed on this date during class.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

- Stewardship and School Advisory members were in a joint session.
- Fundraising committee chart was discussed in regards to school subsidy.
- PTC group fundraisers were discussed. PTC moneys do not go to parish operating budget. They are designated to purchase enrichment items for the school.
- Golf outing was discussed in regards to who participated. Out of 100 players, 30 were from parish and 70 were out of parish.
- Questions were addressed regarding how fundraisers are determined to be a subsidy event or a PTC event.
- Joint meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.
- Follow-up on Town Hall Meetings- questions and answers sheets (minutes from meetings) were discussed and will be addressed.
- There is concern about losing our IRS tax exemption if we rent the hall to outside people. This will be investigated.
- Suggestions on how we should recognize those who contributed to parish expansion were discussed.
- A sample of Stations for Mary's Garden was passed around.
- Next meeting will be on March 14, 2006.

## **VICARIATE REPORT**

- Cardinal Mooney requested and received Vicariate Council support to create a vicariate wide capital campaign committee, to help raise the rest of the money needed for their expansion project. Parish councils in the vicariate will be asked for suggestion by members.
- The Coordinating Committee was to meet January 19. The Blue Water Vicariate response was to be revisited.
- Subcommittees will be formed at the February meeting to address the poverty and multicultural needs of the vicariate, as identified to Together in Faith response.
- The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15 at All Saints in Memphis.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Suggestion Box- Tony McPherson is responding to suggestions presented at our Town Hall Meetings. These suggestions will be separated into categories and forwarded to the appropriate committees or facilitator.
- Stewards in Action sheets- fifty-eight sheets were collected at our Town Hall Meetings. These sheets will be also forwarded to the appropriate committees or facilitator.

## **Objectives From Commissions**

### **Stewardship**- Craig Surprenant

- Identification of Fundraiser Events/Activities for 06/07 school year. Target 06/01/06
- Coordinate minutes and questions from Town Hall Meetings.
- Respond to questions from Town Hall Meetings.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Immaculate Conception Parish Mission Statement Review**

It was decided by Council, that our mission statement will be reviewed and approved by each Commission, and then forwarded for final review by Parish Council by 4/4/06.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Discussion took place in regards to the calls that were placed inviting parishioners to the Town Hall meetings. Unfortunately, most of our volunteers spoke to answering machines instead of parishioners.

## **PASTOR COMMENTS**

Father David stated that although we are dealing with a transitional period in regards to revising our policies and procedures (both school and church), we the parish will all benefit in the end.

**Next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2006 at 8:00 p.m.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monsur, Secretary