



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 4, 2011

The meeting opened at 7:07 PM with a prayer.

Member Name	Present	Not Present	Position
Elaine Abraham		X	Christian Service Representative
Joyce Bynum	X		Council Member
Laura Carlin/Robb Gaffa	X		Stewardship Representative
Janis Cornwell	X		Council Member
Sarah Cornwell	X		Youth Representative
John Graybill	X		Council Member
Anthony Jubinski	X		Council Member
Mary Kot	X		Worship Representative
Fr. Tomek Maka	X		Pastor
Pat McGrath		X	Council Member
Pamela Mertes	X		Council Member
John Nemeyer	X		Council Member
Deacon Ken Nowicki	X		Evangelization Representative
Amy O'Gara	X		Vicariate Representative
Jane Petitpren	X		Christian Formation Representative
Susan Share	X		Council Member
Andrea Taravella	X		Council Member
Diane Vigneron		X	School Advisory Representative

Minutes from the December, 2010 meeting were approved without changes.

Review and discussion of *The Mystery of Faith, Meditations on the Eucharist*, by Fr. Tadeusz Dajczer

Youth Ministry Report: Given by Sarah Cornwell.

- The youth group held a Lock in on December 17th – 19th over \$800 was raised.
- The youth group will be attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. the 3rd week of January.
- The youth will be attending the 2011 CYO Rainbow Conference held at the Renaissance Center in Detroit the 2nd week of February.
- There was a snafu and an article publicizing a planed event was not published. The event is being rescheduled.

School Advisory Report: No report given.

Christian Service Report: No report given, no December meeting was held.

Christian Worship Report: Given by Mary Kot. No report received.

- Christian Worship is working on installing a new and improved, permanent baptismal font. There were no objections from the Parish Council. The font will be installed on the St. Joseph's side of church. The old baptismal font will be kept and possibly displayed at some point in time.



- The piano from the Blessed Mother side of the church will be removed. No objections from Parish Council.
- There was discussion on how to best address the issue of cell phones, texting, and chewing gum in church, etc. It was decided that announcements before Mass was not necessarily the best way to proceed at this time. We are looking into some sort of signage that can be placed where it's visible walking from the parking lot into church. Not in the church directly. More information to come.

Christian Formation Report: Given by Jane Petitpren. Report attached.

Stewardship Report: No report given, no December meeting.

Blue Water Vicariate Report: No report given, no December meeting.

Old Business:

- There will be a meeting about the Festival of Ministries Fair for representatives from all the commissions on January 13, 2011. All groups are asked to have a representative there.
- Minor changes made to the *PPC Requested Goals & Objectives for Commissions 2010/2011*. They will be updated and sent within the next day or two to the commissions for discussion at their upcoming meetings. Each commission will need to accept or reject with explanation each goal or objective suggested to them. Information should be discussed and a response available for the next Parish Council meeting to be held February 1, 2011.
- Fr. Requested that each commission report to Parish Council a minimum of biannually. Reports received by January and May, at the latest.
- Question was asked about who would create the uniform agenda to be used by all commissions. It will be a format provided by the AOD and applies more to the content and flow rather than an actual template. i.e. Must report all in attendance and all absent. Must record if prior meeting minutes were approved, etc.
- Susan Share is handling the Ambassador Program with the help of John Nemeyer and John Graybill.
- Janis Cornwell is handling the youth group initiative and will approach the youth group at their next meeting for their suggestions.

New Business:

None.

Pastor's Report:

- Fr. Tomek stated that the holiday scheduled seemed to go very smoothly. He asked for feedback on the holiday celebrations to see if there were any areas we can improve.
- Epiphany Concert will be held Sunday, January 9, 2011 at 3:00 PM. All members of Parish Council are encouraged to attend.
- Catholic Schools Week will be January 30th – February 5, 2011.
- I.C. School's Open House will be February 13, 2011



- A prayer service for life will be held January 23, 2011 from 2:45 PM to 5:00 PM
- The new phone system on campus has been installed and will be run dually with the old system for one week for security purposes. All extensions will change to 3 digits.
- Fr. Tomek thanked, and encourages all to thank Robert Clancy of Robert Clancy Contracting, Inc., on the great job they did taking down the old parish office building. It went off without a hitch and the building was removed quickly and efficiently without disruption to any campus activity. Great job!
- There will be a Roman Missal Workshop on February 2nd from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at St. Blaze in Sterling Heights. All Parish Council members are encouraged to attend to prepare for the upcoming changes. Fr. Tomek will be holding informational sessions for the parish. They are being planned and more information will be forthcoming.
- Long Term Planning is working on a strategic plan to replenish funds and payoff debt.

Deacon Ken provided everyone with information on an Epiphany Blessing for the home and information and prayers on Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The meeting closed with a prayer 8:37 PM.

The next meeting will be February 1, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy O'Gara.