

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2008**

The meeting opened at 8:25 p.m. with a prayer.

The minutes from May 13, 2008 were read by the members and approved by Pat McGrath and Elaine Abraham.

The following members were present: Jane Petitpren, Fr. David Burgard, Pam Mertes, Sean Stawiasz, Pat McGrath, Eileen Gretkierewicz, Stanley Sommers, Benedict B. Ehinack, Amy O'Gara, Debie Hauer, Elaine Abraham, Theresa Austin, Anthony Jubinski, Lisa DiMaggio, Liz Koerber, Chris Ameal, JoAnn Augustine, Susan Share, and Deacon Phil.

The following members were not present: Deacon Kenneth Nowicki and Cathy Furtah.

SCHOOL ADVISORY REPORT GIVEN BY SEAN STAWIASZ: See Attached Copy.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE REPORT GIVEN BY PAT MCGRATH:

JUNE 3, 2008 MEETING

OPENED WITH OUR PRAYER

WE HAD 13 MEMBERS PRESENT

DEL HASKIN REPORT – SENT 7 CARDS IN MAY

FUNERAL LUNCH REPORT – 1 IN MAY

COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY, WAS AFTER 10 AM MASS ONLY – FOR
GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES

COPE (CHRISTIAN OUTREACH PROGRAM ENDEAVOR) – JOAN REPORTED

MAN NEEDING DIALYSIS NEEDS RIDE 3 TIMES A WEEK

MAN WHO IS AN AMPUTEE NEEDS HELP TWICE A WEEK

IT IS UP TO DRIVER IF THEY WANT TO TAKE GAS MONEY
FROM PEOPLE THEY ARE DRIVING

ANNIVERSARY MASS, SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH – 23 COUPLES CELEBRATED

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES – OVER 50 PEOPLE ATTENDED RECEPTION

BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH – 45 REGISTERED, 37
SUCCESSFUL UNITS HELP 111 PATIENTS

CHRISTIAN SERVICE HANDCRAFTERS MINISTRY (KNIT, QUILT AND
CROCHET MINISTRY) MET IN MAY – HAD 7-10 PEOPLE

NAIL SALE THIS WEEKEND-FATHER'S DAY – AFTER ALL MASSES –
FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

RECEPTION FOR FATHER DAVID WILL BE HELD AFTER ALL MASSES ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND – WILL INCLUDE FAREWELL TO BENDICT AND
DEACON PHIL AS WELL

RECEPTION FOR FATHER TOMEK WILL BE HELD AFTER ALL MASSES ON
SAT., JULY 5TH AND SUN. JULY 6TH

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP REPORT GIVEN BY FATHER DAVID: No report.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION REPORT GIVEN BY JANE PETITPREN: Vacation Bible School will be held in July. We have three new Hispanic families that have joined our parish that are in need of sacraments, therefore, we need someone that is bilingual to help with the language barrier.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT GIVEN BY ANTHONY JUBINSKI FROM MEETING ON: See attached copy.

EVANGELIZATION REPORT GIVEN BY DEACON KENNETH NOWICKI: Chris Ameal reported the meeting for the Men's Leadership was held May 31st.

VICARIATE REPORT GIVEN BY AMY O'GARA FROM MEETING: No report.

ENRICHMENT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: School Advisory Committee is in need of two non-school members. Sean Stawiacz requested Father David make an announcement at mass for this.

Wish list: There was discussion over drapes for the gymnasium. Building and Funds committee is investigating a new boiler for the parish office.

NEW BUSINESS: Selection of Parish Council chair/co-chair, and secretary was made. Eileen Gretkierewicz volunteered to be chairperson. Pam Mertes volunteered to be co-chairperson, and Lisa DiMaggio volunteered to remain as secretary.

OPEN FORUM: Protecting God's Children will be held June 24th with dinner at 530 and the seminar from 6:00 to 9:00. We need to continue to push this seminar. Background checks are needed along with this seminar. It was agreed that all leaders in our parish, such as Eucharist Ministers that administer to the homebound, chairpersons from any event, and all that volunteer to work with children and the elderly go through Protecting God's Children seminar and have a background check. JoAnn Augustine made a motion for this, Sean Stawiacz and Jane Petitpren approved the motion. Michelle Meldrum to oversee this.

Amy O'Gara asked if we had a fire proof safe. Father David said we have a small one.

Stan Sommers asked if our money counters are bonded. Jane replied that they are not. A.O.D. does not require them to be bonded. We are insured through the Michigan Catholic Conference. Stan stated that if money counters were ever found to steal, they cannot be prosecuted. Jane will make a call to find out about this.

Stan Sommers asked if our parish files are confidential. It was reported that they are.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Fr. Nick Zukowski from St. Mary's in New Baltimore is the new Vicar for the Blue Water Vicariate.
- Father David asked that we evaluate how/when joint meetings are being held as far as meeting with Stewardship, S.A.C., and P.T.C.
- Father David suggested that Parish Council consider bringing in A.O.D. for a formation session to refresh what our purpose is, the aspects of decision making, the aspects of bringing people together, and our parish welcoming a new pastor.
- Parish Council guidelines are being updated and will be in the handbook.
- Father David thanked us for welcoming all of our seminarians that we hosted over the last nine years he has been Pastor. It has been a joy for him to be able to host them. It will be up to our new pastor whether or not we continue hosting.
- Father David made his last "Two Important Points"
 1. Continue stewardship formation. Get to the heart of questions and concerns that the parish has.
 2. There is an evangelization component to everything we do; how we live our faith, etc. The more we do, the stronger our parish/church will be.

The meeting closed at 9:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa DiMaggio.