

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FROM MAY 12, 2009**

The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. with a prayer.

The minutes from April 21, 2009 were read by the members and accepted by JoAnn Augustine and Sean Stawiasz

The following members were present: Father Tomek Maka, Stan Sommers, Eileen Gretkierewicz, JoAnn Augustine, Cathy Furtah, Pat McGrath, Pamela Mertes, Randy Proctor, Theresa Austin, Janis Cornwell

The following members were not present: Deacon Ken Nowicki, Jane Petitpren, Lisa DiMaggio, Amy O’Gara, Susan Share, Anthony Jubinski

SCHOOL ADVISORY REPOR GIVEN BY: Sean Stawiasz

SAC minutes 5/5/09

Attendees: Kathy Steele, Mary Anne K, Diane V, Sean S, Stan L, Kelley L, Sue M, Anne M, Christine G

Absent: Fr. Tomek, Robbin B

- I. Prayer/Minutes
- II. Old Business
 - a. Uniform – inconsistencies?
 - i. Teacher’s first line of defense. Mrs. Ameel has uniforms available. Ties will be added as optional on Friday/mass day. Initial violations of dress code will result in a warning, continued non-compliance will result in calls to parents to bring compliant clothing &/or further disciplinary action.
 - ii. IC logo \$5.00 per item. Embroidered by French Toast. Mrs. Steele to look into a “patch” that could be purchased for existing attire.
- III. Continuing School Improvement
 - a. Library- plan for updating, criteria. Mr. Lisica will come to school in June to review current collection. School accepts donated books from parents for classroom or library.
 - b. Willy Wonka May 26th & 27th 7pm. Marketing group is inviting new families to attend (preschool & round-up families).
 - c. Earth Day – Green School Designation. Requirements for “green school” designation shared. Sean to lead this initiative. Per Diane V., Lanse Cruese middle school has already been designated.
 - d. Wind Energy- if we pursue-parish wide plan. Would require a grant. Entire parish would need to support. Christine will work with group. See Chris Ameel for details on specifics from 2008 research.
 - e. Swine Flu-CDC guidelines, schools should not close for sibling exposure or neighboring school exposure. IC will continue school cleaning as normal & encourage hand washing. School calls in all reported illnesses by 9am to St. Clair County Health Dept.
 - f. SAC term limits-current 2008-2009
 - i. Term 1-year 1=S Mattina, D Vigneron
 - ii. Term 1-year 2=C Gabryel
 - iii. Term 1-Year 3=K Lovati, S Stawiasz

- iv. Term 2-Year 1=A Malik
- v. Term 2-Year 2=S Lisica, M Kilgore, R Bates
- vi. Term 2- Year 3=

*Sean will continue through Term 2, Kelley to make decision by next mtg.

IV. New Business

- a. PTC report- officers for 2009-2010. Nominations took place in April. Unopposed Laura Carlin Pres, Carole Gafa VP, Jim Charboneau Treasurer, Katie Cyr secretary. Current officers will meet & transition will take place. Priorities will be reviewed. Technology – looking at 1yr, 3yr & 5yr plan.
- b. Wine tasting totals will be reported at next meeting.
- c. Teacher appreciation lunch 5/5.

- d. Parish Council Report- two assigned members for May & June

V. Misc- Need to review current traffic shift with light, look at possibility of driveway around back of school. Sean to look into Italian for next year.

Parish Council report:

May-Sean

June- Diane

CHRISTIAN SERVICE REPORT GIVEN BY:

No report was given, as their meeting was postponed until Wednesday, May 13, 2009.

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP REPORT GIVEN BY FATHER TOMEK:

They met on April 23, 2009. Father reported that they are ready for Pentecost.

Holy week went very well. The Lily sale, with 115 sold, was a success.

Father Tomek shared that the Easter Vigil was a very powerful and humbling experience.

Regarding 'Loving Hands', there are 15 people working towards getting our church ready for Easter week.

Father David will return to Immaculate Conception for the June 1st Mass honoring the 8th grade graduates. Father Tomek will be in Poland at that time, taking his exams.

June 22-26 is Vacation Bible School

Parishioner Jan Gawal brought up the idea of having an evening Mass once a week, instead of exclusively having daily Masses. Starting in September, an evening Mass will be held on Tuesdays, at 6:30 P.M. Advertising regarding this change will begin in August.

There have been questions from parishioners regarding the practice of standing after communion, rather than kneeling. No parish in our Diocese is practicing this, and Father Tomek believes that the change would be too confusing.

Deacon Ken had mentioned to Father that there should be a teaching moment regarding the proper way to receive communion.

Regarding ushers shaking hands of parishioners, the practice should be that they either shake the hands of all parishioners, or none at all. This is meant as a way to be fair to all parishioners.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION REPORT: *No report given, as Jane Petitpren was absent.*

STEWARDSHIP:

EVANGELIZATION: No report.

VICARIATE REPORT GIVEN BY: Theresa Austin

Notes from March 11, 2009 VPC Meeting
Reported at May 12, 2009 Parish Council Meeting

Archdiocesan Tracking committee report: Blue Water Vicariate was commended for: our work in social outreach regarding food, clothing and shelter for the homeless, the smooth transition and the success of the three merged parish communities, our attempts at youth and young adult outreach, our catechesis on stewardship, the strong, united work of the vicariate DREs and especially our support of Catholic education with our 5% stewardship of our Sunday offertory collections.

The tracking committee recommended that we strengthen our Hispanic outreach and encouraged us to proceed with finding resources for those in our vicariate who have lost their jobs or are in danger of losing their homes.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Eileen Gretkierewicz is finishing her term this year

OPEN FORUM: *Parish Council members who are ending their term this year, can submit their name to be considered for a second term as a parish council member.*

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Father stated that we need to decide if we are going to have our legal address as Anchorville, or as Ira. Marketing is one of the reasons that this issue needs to be decided. All present at meeting preferred to use Anchorville as our address. Currently, the address of our parish is Ira, but legally, we are Anchorville.

Father Tomek is considering adding additional Masses to support the number of new families.

Father suggested that we should have a parish council member who will send out a telephone or email reminder for our upcoming meetings.

Regarding the swine flu: The Diocese has stated that everyone should use common sense regarding this issue. Do not go to church if you are ill. Don't shake hands if you are uncomfortable. Don't drink from the Chalice if you are uncomfortable.

CSA: Father Tomek has been trying to give a better understanding to parishioners as to where the CSA dollars go. He will continue his attempt to get the message out..

Father Tomek invited those in attendance to his home for a power point presentation and a tour of his residence. The condition of the house has been deteriorating to such an extent, that Father believes it to be of great importance that he make the council members aware of the situation.

The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m... with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Pamela Mertes