

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005**

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

PRESENT: Father David, Chris Ameel, Craig Surprenant, Tony McPherson, Pieter Winne, Todd Bont, JoAnne Augustine, Theresa Austin, Pat McGrath, Liz Koerber, Jim Ruemenapp, and Karen Monsur

NOT PRESENT: Michelle Meldrum and Elaine Abraham

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2005 ACCEPTED.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Christian Service

Sunshine Lady- Del Haskin send 139 cards.

Coffee/Donuts and bake sale will be held on Sunday, November 13. Bake sale proceeds will go to benefit Katrina.

MCREST provided dinner on October 25 and 27. Will also provide dinner on November 8 at Christ the King Lutheran.

Funeral Luncheon Update- we will have our first funeral luncheon on November 9, 2005.

Stars of Christmas will run from November 12 thru November 26.

Christmas Craft Santa Shop is Wednesday, December 7 in school.

Adult Advent Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, December 2. Dinner, drinks, raffles, and entertainment provided. \$20/person in advance or \$25/person at door.

Next coffee/donuts will be on Sunday, January 8, 2006.

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 3, 2006 in parish hall at 1:00 pm.

Christian Worship

The new mass setting written by Fr. Joe Dailey is going well.

We are using a common communion hymn throughout these last weeks of the Church year.

This will help unify the season as well as gain familiarity with the hymn.

There will be an Advent evening prayer and reflection on Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm in Church which will be led by Father David.

Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. The Sunday schedule of masses will change to accommodate the Holy day with masses at 9:00 and 11:00 am. New Years also falls on a Sunday and we will have the regular weekend mass schedule.

The next Worship commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm.

SCHOOL ADVISORY/PTC

No report

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sacramental preparation is in full swing. At our noon mass last Sunday and next Sunday, all candidates for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation will be enrolled.

Father David facilitated the fourth small group faith discussion at Tony and Natalie McPherson's home on November 3 with fifteen people participating. We had a great discussion on living our faith in today's world. The next discussion sessions will be scheduled for January.

The students in the school and faith formation program are participating in the annual Penny Drive. They will buy toys for city children which will be distributed through the Capuchins just before Christmas.

STEWARDSHIP

Hall Rental

Debbie passed our directions for hall use and rental pricing with three options.

Discussion of the three options was found to be fairly comparable to other halls.

It was suggested that we restrict rentals to parishioners or parishioner's family members provided the parishioner is held responsible.

More details are yet to be worked out.

Donn is working on contract for rental agreement.

Bartenders could be paid about \$40 per party. A list of volunteers will be organized.

Pavers-

Anthony Jubinski reported the pavers are installed with about ten missing. We need wood chips, soil and fourteen Stations of the Cross to complete project. Anthony will form a committee to select various types and prices of stations for the garden project. The stations will be sold as we did the pavers, but the cost is yet to be decided.

Miscellaneous

Budget revision is on-going.

Bingo was discussed in regards to budgeted amount (parish budget) and actual income received. We are looking into other fundraisers to fund subsidy and build community.

December 5, 2005 meeting- Town Hall Meeting

Very few families have signed up for the Town Hall meetings to be held in January and February of 2006. Help is needed to contact parishioners so we can schedule a meeting for those who have yet to schedule one. We are also in need of greeters and facilitators.

Father David will be the main speaker and his presentation will be about where we are now with our finances and about stewardship. Fr. David would like to hear from the parishioners about their concerns and answer any questions.

Father will have Joe Wright, Craig Surprenant, Chris Ameel, and Anthony McPherson

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available at the meetings to assist in answering questions.

We will also need one or two scribes at each meeting to take notes during the question/answer or comment portion of the meeting.

There will probably be a make-up session in April for the snow birds in our parish.

VICARIATE REPORT

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Goals from commissions-waiting for goals from ministries; Christian Service, Worship, etc.

We will review at next meeting.

Objectives from Council- Goals are stated in minutes from October meeting. Council will have comments for next meeting.

Website review- Chris Ameel said that we need more graphics, pictures of church, stain glass windows, etc. , and a map to I.C. could be improved.

Stewardship of Parish Address-

Comments from parishioners after every mass were very positive. Everyone appreciated Father David's thoughts. Possibly put parish address on web site?

Festival Recap- Chris Ameel- will be Co-chair of festival next year. Suggesting that a meeting take place in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

Awareness Sessions- Are scheduled in January and February 2006. There were 17 sessions last time (five years ago) with 75%- 77% attendance of parishioners. After five years, it is time to bring parish back together again. Suggestions to be included in sessions:

Accomplishments

Develop Stewardship

Town Hall meetings (style)

Update on building fund and Phase II

Hopes and dreams for our future

Share what it means to be a member of the parish

Minimize data such as charts, graphs, etc.

Give short description of each ministry

Share priorities of parish plan

Have available parish booklet

Time Table- Set dates for sessions

Articles in paper and flyers in pews

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Letter sent home

Phone call to all who have not responded

December Parish Council meeting- We will meet at Father David's house at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 6, 2005. We will then proceed to dinner.

December Activities- Dinner Dance Friday, December 2, 2005 in Parish Hall.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2006 at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monsur, Secretary