

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FROM October 13, 2009

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with a prayer.

The minutes from September 9, 2009 meeting were read by members and accepted after one minor change requested by Janis Cornwell.

The following members were present: Pamela Mertes, Susan Share, Deacon Kenneth Nowicki, Robb Gafa, Tim Messing, Diane Vigneron, Amy O’Gara, Cathy Furtah, Pat McGrath, Janis Cornwell, Andrea Taravella

The following members were not present: Father Tomek Maka, Stanley Sommers, Randy Proctor

School Advisory Report Given by Diane Vigneron: (see attached complete minutes)

- Server Issues in Technology
- Still moisture issues in the gym
- PTC bought (3) new computers
- Enrollment down 8 students
- Back to school night format was changed and the feedback was good
- Mrs. Steele to look into purchasing lockers to take care of lice issue that they had last year
- SAC has new member: Heather Morrison

Christian Service Report Given By Pat McGrath:

DEL HASKIN REPORT – 10 CARDS SENT IN SEPT., 8 CARDS IN OCT. SO FAR

ROSARY MAKERS – WILL MEET AFTER 10 AM MASS THIS SUNDAY

FUNERAL LUNCH REPORT – NO FUNERAL LUNCHESES TO REPORT

COPE (CHRISTIAN OUTREACH PROGRAM ENDEAVOR) – NOTHING TO REPORT THIS MONTH

HANDCRAFTER’S MINISTRY –WILL MEET OCT. 7TH AND 21ST AT NOON IN HALL

COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 18TH - AFTER ALL MASSES – WE WILL BE HAVING A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE THIS SUNDAY ALSO

BLOOD DRIVE WAS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH FROM 8 AM TO 2 PM – 50 PEOPLE CAME TO GIVE BLOOD – COLLECTED 44 PINTS

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COORDINATOR/VOLUNTEER MEETING – WED., OCT. 21ST AT SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY – PAT PHELAN & ELIANA HOGARTH WILL LOOK INTO ATTENDING

FLU SHOT CLINIC – DATE IS SET FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 25TH – FROM 9 AM TO NOON
REG. FLU SHOT AVAILABLE – ALSO PNEUMONIA SHOT WILL BE AVILABLE

HALL CLEANING – WAS HELD THURS., SEPT. 17TH – WENT VERY WELL – HAD APPROX. TEN PEOPLE – TOOK 2 ½ HOURS

MCREST – ST. JOHN – MONDAY, OCT. 19TH – HAM/AU GRATIN DINNER
ST. JOHN – THURSDAY, OCT. 22ND – MOSTOCCIOLI DINNER
CHRIST LUTHERAN – THURS., NOV. 5TH – MOSTOCCIOLI DINNER

STARS OF CHRISTMAS – JOYCE BYNUM – DATES TO BE SET – PROBABLY NOV. 14TH THROUGH NOV. 29TH – POSSIBLY SORT THURS., DEC. 10TH

NEXT COFFEE/DONUTS WILL BE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009

NEXT MEETING – TUES., NOV., 17TH

There was a question to elaborate on the Stars of Christmas, Pat indicated that there was a tree in church with ornaments for needy individuals with items such as hats, mittens, toys, clothes, etc. There is an announcement in the bulletin for anyone in our Parish who is in need or knows someone who is in need. Methodist Church and St Mary’s will also assist in providing individuals in need.

Christian Worship Report: Nothing to report-deferred to next meeting

Christian Formation Report: Jane was not available to report; however Deacon Ken did state that the Bible Study starts Wednesday either 9:30-11:15 am or 6:30-8:15 pm.

Stewardship Given by Robb Gafa: See attached minutes from building & grounds

- Festival: \$148,000 in, \$79,000 out-leaving \$69,000 net. Increase of \$5,700 from 2008 (due to sponsorships)
- E-Giving: Presentation on e-giving findings (see attached worksheet),
 - Committee decided to go with Vanco for the e-giving
 - Fees based on 20% participation (70 households)
 - Lowest estimated annual fee
 - Month-to-month program rather than having to sign a contract
 - Tuition option which would be beneficial for the school
 - Donation information downloaded right to our accounting program
 - Can specify which area donation should go to (i.e. building fund, flower fund, etc)
 - 5 other Parished use same company
 - The contract for donations is between Vanco and Parishioner and the parish does not have to be involved in the paperwork (with two ways to sign up-on internet and with form)
 - Majority of Parishes use e-giving
 - Stewardship would do all of the announcements and promoting for the new program
 - Hoped to be rolled out by mid-November
 - Council had consensus to accept program and have Stewardship roll out as soon as possible with a review of the numbers in 6 months to see if it is profitable or if it is costing too much to maintain program

Evangelization Given By Deacon Ken:

- Lost thrust from starting due to Priest transition-haven't moved off of first part of Evangelization Program

Vicariate Report Given By Amy O'Gara:

- **Restructuring of the Vicariate:** The Archdiocese of Detroit is undergoing a major restructuring. Some offices will merge and some will be eliminated. Lory McGlinnon will no longer be our representative for the Blue Water Vicariate. We will have a representative from the Archdiocese but we do not know who it will be.
- **Blue Water Vicariate Career Transition Ministry:** Holy Family and Holy Trinity at the St. Stephen worship site are both really taking off on this project. Fr. Nick is the chair person of the committee. Lory said the AOD is interested in putting together something in this area. It was suggested that they go to the Blue Water Web site and click on the individual parish links to see what they offer. Deacon John said the CTM at Holy Trinity is trying to reach out to other denominations in Port Huron.
- **Career Transition Ministry:** moving forward and making a lot of progress
 - Need to know what participation of IC will be
 - A survey is being developed to be sent out to Parish for what are the needs and who can help those in need
 - St Mary's is not sure what they will do to assist with this program
 - Currently two active Parishes: St Stevens and Holy Family in Memphis
 - More to come on this program in coming months

Old Business: No Meeting in December due to Feast of Immaculate Conception

New Business:

- Pam Mertes discussed a need for a Parish Council sub-committee to do a deeper analysis of items brought before Parish Council or other items that need more specific attention (why we are here). This sub-committee can do the heavy research and bring it back to the Council. It is believed that this will help the council move forward and get more accomplished. Pam stated that she would like to know if there is anyone who would no longer like to continue their commitment to Parish Council due to other obligations.
- At last meeting Pat had mentioned that the previous council president had given homework and Pam stated that the homework for all Parish Council Members for the next meeting would be to review the handbook.
- Deacon Ken provided an enrichment on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to provide deeper insight for each council member

Open Forum:

The meeting closed at 9:30 p.m. with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Taravella.