

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER, 11 2007

The meeting was open by Liz Koerber at 9:30pm. The minutes of the June 12, 2007 meeting were reviewed and accepted by Pat McGrath and seconded by Elaine Abraham.

Present at the meeting were, Liz Koerber, Pat McGrath, Sean Stawiasz, Cathy Furtah, Theresa Austin, Lisa DiMaggio, Deacon Ken Nowicki, Eileen Gretkierewicz, Patty Klecha, Fr. David Burgard, Jane Petitpren, Eliane Abraham, Pamela Mertes, Chris Ameel, JoAnn Augustine and Debie Hauer.

Sean Stawiasz presented the **School Advisory Report** – see attached

The September 4, 2007 **Christian Service** reported was presented by Pat McGrath
14 Members present at the Sept. 4th meeting, includes 3 new members
Del Haskin reports that 39 cards were sent in May, June, July and August. Her
Request for cards was overwhelming.
Rosary makers are always looking for new members
Funeral Luncheon – One Luncheon each in May, June, July and August
The Sept. 9th Coffee and Donuts had a very good turnout
Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16th from 8:00am to 2:00pm.
Christian Outreach Program Endeavor (COPE) - no report
Habitat for Humanity Nail Sale collected \$448.00
Our parish supported MCREST at St. Augustine's in Richmond with dinner on
Wednesday, Aug. 8th. We served 50 – 60 homeless. We will support
MCREST at St. John's in New Baltimore the end of October.
Patty Klecha was present to talk about the Evangelization session that the ADOD
will present to Christian Service and Worship on Thursday, Oct. 11
We encouraged our members to support the Tastefest Dinner and Raffle.
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 9th
The next coffee and donuts will be on Oct. 14th.

Worship Committee – No Report

Christian Formation Report – Jane reported that our parish programs have not yet started. We do have many families already registered for formation. RCIA has been meeting once a month all summer. We will begin our weekly gatherings in late September. 2007/2008 Adult formation opportunities included a 20 week study on the Gospel of Mark and a seven week study on the Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts.

Stewardship – Tony McPherson reviewed the 2006-2007 Parish Financial Statement and the 2007 Festival Report with the committee. He also advised that new tables will be purchased replacing the long heavy tables in the school multi-purpose room. The CSA appeal is still behind the ADOD budget amount. Letters will be sent to those parish

members who have donated in the past but did not do so this year. Tony also invited all on our committee to consider attending the Parish Leadership Conference in October. Each committee member received a tri-fold on the conference. The parish will pay the fees for anyone in our parish attending.

Evangelization – Deacon Ken and Chris Ameel presented a short follow-up to Paco's great presentation that we all attended before our meeting began. Our Parish Mission on Evangelization with Paco and team will be March 2, 3, and 4 2008.

Vicariate – Fr. David reported that Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in Emmett is now part of the Thumb Vicariate. The next vicariate meeting will be September 12.

Old Business:

Guest - Jim Charbonneau gave a presentation of the Tastefest inviting all on Parish Council to support this parish fundraiser and sell as many tickets as possible. He said if we sold all 3750 Tastefest Raffle tickets we could see a profit of over \$60,000.00 on that alone. Tickets will be handed out after all the Masses and then any packets not picked-up will be mailed or sent home with school families asking for their support. New this year at Tastefest will be an Iron Chef Competition with Chef Dan from The Vernier as MC.

New Business: None

Open Forum

Chris Ameel was wondering where the crucifix went that was on the wall in the hall before the room dividers were put up. Patty said that she would talk with Bob DeBusschere about it.

Pastor's Report – Thank you to Liz and Lisa for taking on the position of leadership of the parish council. Fr. David strongly recommends all on the council to attend two workshops at the Parish Leadership Conference. Fr David also invites anyone who is interested to join him at Sacred Heart Major Seminary for Leonardo Defilippis presentation on The Confessions of St. Augustine on Sunday, Sept. 30th at 3:00pm. Fee \$8.00 per person. r. David also invites committees to reference the Parish Mission Statement when planning your year's activities.

Our meeting closed at 10:20pm. Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13th beginning at 8:00pm in the parish hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Petitpren.