

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
September 9, 2008**

The meeting opened at 8:15 p.m. with a prayer.

The minutes from June 10, 2008 were read by the members. The only change to the minutes would include adding two people to the "absent" list; Randy Proctor and Janis Cornwell. The minutes were then accepted by JoAnn Augustine and Sean Stawiasz.

The following members were present: Jane Petitpren, Pam Mertes, Sean Stawiasz, Pat McGrath, Eileen Gretkierewicz, Stanley Sommers, Theresa Austin, Anthony Jubinski, Lisa DiMaggio, JoAnn Augustine, Susan Share, Deacon Kenneth Nowicki, Cathy Furtah, Janis Cornwell, Father Tomasz Maka, Randy Proctor.

***SCHOOL ADVISORY REPORT GIVEN BY SEAN STAWIASZ:***

Minutes from the School Advisory Meeting – 9 September 2008

- I. The meeting was opened at 6:35pm with a Prayer led by Fr. Tomek
- II. Old Business
  - A. School Personnel Retreat
  - B. Keep best Practices
- III. Current members of the School Advisory Committee Introductions.
  - A. Sean Stawiasz – Chairman
  - B. Robin Bates – Co-Chairman
  - C. Diane Virgeron – Non-school student member
  - D. Kathy Steele – Principal
  - E. Anne Malik
  - F. Kelly Lovati
  - G. Stan Lisica – Non- school student member
  - H. A welcome back from Fr. Tomek
- IV. Tastefest
  - A. Vendors just about all filled
  - B. Interviewing last Iron Chef Contestant
  - C. Ahead of last year's ticket sales
  - D. Wines of distinction is providing some libation help for the evening, as well as purchases will be available.
- V. Continuing School Improvement
  - A. Two new non-student members
  - B. Officers – T.B.D.
  - C. Faculty Additives
    - i. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Kelly Zelenak
    - ii. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Dwight Wiseman
    - iii. Both kitchen workers from last year retires
    - iv. Outsourced food services to AOD. AOD provides the food and pays for our food preparers. \*\*\*Revenue neutral response \*\*\*
  - D. Chose AOD for food service after interviewing many local suppliers, but we are basically too small.

- E. Over the course of the next two years we will be expanding our Kindergarten and Pre-K programs to be five all day programs in order to be more competitive with public school choices.
  - i. Implementation order – 5 day Kindergarten
  - ii. 3 day - 4 year old program with latch-key options
  - iii. also a 2 day - 3 year old program with latch key options
  
- VI. Educational Evaluation – After Return from Summer Break
  - A. 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher had a “faux” test with 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and algebra problems. Teacher was hoping for 10 of 30 answers correct to be correct on average. On average, students had 18-25 questions correct.
  - B. Enrollment is down in school – We should have accurate enrollment numbers together for October meeting.
  - C. Need to spread word about scholarship monies available
  - D. Consider making anonymous suggestions regarding families in need.
  - E. Sean Stawiasz brought up need to look to the future, again, to establish endowments for scholarships for Immaculate Conception.
  - F. Computer Lab – PTC wants to add more computers to computer lab, and some wireless routers.
  
- VII. Student Follow up Survey
  - A. Has been a few years sine we evaluated our competitive advantage from our graduates. Looking to follow up with one hopefully this year.
  - B. 2008-2009 Follow up school Survey from Accreditation – Target – End of October

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sean Stawiasz.

***CHRISTIAN SERVICE REPORT GIVEN BY JOANN AUGUSTINE:***

SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING

OPENED WITH OUR PRAYER

WE HAD 12 MEMBERS PRESENT

DEL HASKIN REPORT – 12 CARDS SENT IN JULY & AUGUST, 12 CARDS SENT SO FAR IN SEPT.

ROSARY MAKERS – KATHY BECKER – WILL MEET AFTER 10 MASS THIS SUN.

FUNERAL LUNCH REPORT – 2 IN JULY AND 2 IN AUGUST

COPE (CHRISTIAN OUTREACH PROGRAM ENDEAVOR) – PROVIDED FOUR MEALS TO NEEDY, ADDED THREE MORE DRIVERS

HANDCRAFTER’S GUILD-21 PAIRS OF KNITTED SLIPPERS WERE DELIVERED TO A SHELTER IN PORT HURON, 14 PAIR OF BABY BOOTIES, 5 PREEMIE CAPS, 2 PAIR OF CHILDREN’S SLIPPERS AND 14 QUILTS WERE DELIVERED TO DETROIT CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL – HOSPITAL GOAL IS THAT EVERY CHILD LEAVES THE IN-PATIENT UNIT WITH A BLANKET

COFFEE/DONUTS WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AFTER ALL MASSES

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – CHECK FOR \$362 THAT WAS COLLECTED ON FATHER’S DAY WAS SENT – RECEIVED A NICE THANK YOU NOTE

FATHER DAVID’S AND FATHER TOMEK’S RECEPTIONS WERE VERY WELL

ATTENDED-THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED OR DONATED FOOD ITEMS

FATHER TOMEK’S INSTALLATION RECEPTION – SUNDAY, SEPT. 21<sup>ST</sup> AFTER NOON

MASS-WILL SET UP ON SAT – FOOD PREP ON SUNDAY AT 9 AM

BLOOD DRIVE, SUNDAY, SEPT. 28<sup>TH</sup> – 8 AM TO 2 PM IN PARISH HALL – CALL KARILYN FEHLMAN FOR INFORMATION (725-8235)

SOCIAL ACTIVITES COMING UP: SEPT. 27<sup>TH</sup>- POTLUCK SOCIAL & BAKE OFF,

OCT. 25<sup>TH</sup>- HARVEST MOON COSTUME PARTY,

OCT. 26<sup>TH</sup>- PANCAKE BREAKFAST & KIDS FUN EVENT,

NOV. – SCRAPBOOKING WEEKEND,  
DEC. 5<sup>TH</sup>-HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

OTHER-K OF C 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE WILL MAKE A CHALICE PRESENTATION TO FR. CHARLIE FOX AT NOON MASS IN MEMORY OF TONY MCPHERSON  
JOYCE BYNUM-RAISING MONEY FOR NATIVITY FOR I.C. FRONT LAWN-ANY DONATIONS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED  
GARDENING ANGELS WILL WELCOME ADDITIONAL HELP SATURDAYS – 10 AM  
NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008  
NEXT COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 12, 2008

**CHRISTIAN WORSHIP REPORT GIVEN BY FATHER TOMASZ:** No report

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION REPORT GIVEN BY JANE PETITPREN:** Faith Formation begins in October. Nothing to report.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT GIVEN BY ANTHONY JUBINSKI:** Attached.

**EVANGELIZATION REPORT GIVEN BY DEACON KENNETH NOWICKI:** The first portion of the Evangelization formation session ended in May, and the second phase is inviting members from the first phase to formulate specific goals. Deacon Ken is planning on moving forward with this phase. There will be more to report on the evangelization process at our October meeting.

**VICARIATE REPORT GIVEN BY THERESA AUSTIN:**

VPC Report for 9/9/08 Parish Council Meeting

The October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Blue Water Vicariate will be held at St. Mary's in St. Clair at 6:45 p.m.. All parish leadership is invited to attend the Stewardship Education Assembly that will be the Archdiocese presentation "Called by Christ, Gifted by the Spirit" on Christian Stewardship. Parish leaders include Parish council members, commission members, faith formation, bookkeepers, and staff.

**ENRICHMENT:** Deacon Ken distributed reference booklets on important questions that Catholics might have.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Festival committee will be closing their books September 15, 2008. Jane will give us the report at our October meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** On one of our coffee and donut Sundays, Father Tomasz would like to have two people per parish/school committee to present to parishioners what each committee is about. He would like to do this on an annual basis around the beginning of the school year.

Father Tomasz met with members from the Long Term Planning Committee. He thanked them and asked questions about what they have done. The committee agreed to be a "bridge" for phase II. They will meet with Parish Council at our November meeting so they can help us to plan on going forward with phase II. Father Tomasz would like to build awareness to the parishioners for the long term planning debt. Father stated that every group (committee) has to find a place in the long term planning process.

Deacon Ken reminded us that Father Tomasz announced that on the weekend of September 27-28<sup>th</sup>, 2008, we are having "bundle" day. Parishioners are asked to gather clothing that they no longer use and bring to church that weekend. Bags are available.

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**OPEN FORUM:** Jane Petitpren asked if Parish Council meetings could be moved up to 7:30 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. She is going to ask Mrs. Steele if School Advisory Committee can move their meetings to 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. in order for the change.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Father Tomasz shared his appreciation for the welcome he received coming to this parish. He stated that there is a lot of good going on. He would like to move forward with Phase II but also take care of the debt we created. He stated that this parish does not need a business manager because of our smaller size. He would like a more efficient process for key distribution for all the buildings. This will be looked at. He also stated that he would like different arrangements for better security in the parish office in terms of keeping our money safe, particularly with the sale of Scrip.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

The meeting closed at 9:17 p.m.