

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting April 28, 2009

The Parish Council of Immaculate Conception Church met at the church on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Sandy Saldana, Francis Januschka, Greg Frank, Duane Cekalla, Sandy Durant, Michele Hiscock, and Father Tim Wenzel. Scott Beierman and Jackie Wruck were excused. Staff present were Steve Herman and Pat Spence.

Father Tim led an opening prayer and Duane Cekalla called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved with the addition of the four-wheeler raffle. Greg Frank inquired about the status of the baptismal font. Pat reported that she will be speaking with Russ Hackett about it and trying to move ahead with construction of the font as soon as possible. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed.

Father Tim introduced our new Maintenance Director: Steve Herman and the council welcomed him.

Pat Spence reported that the Liturgy Committee and choirs put in a lot of time during Holy Week and everything went well. A new eucharistic minister has been commissioned: Cassandra Beierman. Crowning of Mary will take place on Sunday, May 3. More ushers are needed especially for the 7pm Mass time. She asked council members to help recruit ministers for that Mass. Council members suggested that Allen Saldana, Roger Schlichting, and Jerry Eisenschenk be asked to usher for an additional month.

Pat also gave a Faith Formation report. The RCIA process went well; this was the first year of a partnership with Annunciation. There is lots of excitement about the new classrooms. Work left to accomplish is shelving in the supply rooms. Gifts will be given to the catechists and small group facilitators rather than having an appreciation dinner, since it is difficult to schedule a time. First Communion Mass went very well. Planning for the Confirmation Mass is still underway and more challenging this year, since 8 churches are involved.

Duane Cekalla reported for the Follow-Up Committee of *Find Us Faithful*. The committee recently celebrated its six-year anniversary. \$1,384,500 have been raised. Fund raisers are critical to paying off our debt, since the monthly contributions specifically for debt reduction do not cover the monthly payment.

Greg Frank and Sandy Saldana reported that the Finance Council will be finalizing the parish budget next week. Nick Preusser is getting cost estimates for completing the basement bathrooms, because the cost of construction for the classrooms was lower than expected due to volunteer labor from parishioners. Father Tim said that additional classrooms are available to be sponsored at \$2,500 each.

Father Tim gave an update on the cemetery sprinkling proposal. Dennis Niess is continuing to work on it.

Summerfest needs co-chairs to work with Bill & LuAnn Popp. The council suggested having a bulletin note inviting people to step forward for this. Father

Tim has asked the Knights of Columbus to get people from their organization to co-chair; it will be discussed at their May meeting.

Father Tim reported that there is good participation for the new parish directory. A council member expressed that he appreciated not being pressured to purchase pictures.

The parish mission is scheduled for November 1st through 5th. There will be a planning meeting for the leaders in each parish on Thursday, May 14th at 6:45 p.m. in the church hall. Sue Frank will be the coordinator at Immaculate Conception. The mission will be led by Redemptorist Priest, Father Peter Schavitz, from St. Louis, Missouri. He will lead the May 14th meeting. Various committee chairs will need to be invited for that meeting.

Pat Spence reported on some of the new items on the parish wish list. The council suggested a bulletin note inviting parishioners to add items to the list.

The fish fries netted \$3,855. This was somewhat more than 2008. There were some concerns about parents who dropped off children to work at the fish fries. The council feels that those younger than Confirmation age should have parents present when they are volunteering.

Sandy Saldana gave a progress report on the four-wheeler raffle; it could raise \$15,000 for debt reduction if all 2,000 tickets are sold. She asked council members to help sell tickets.

Father Tim gave a report on the Triduum Masses. Attendance was higher than the year before, and everything went well. He plans to continue the 3pm service on Good Friday.

The council discussed the nomination process for new council members. Council members whose terms are expiring are Duane Cekalla, Sandy Durant, and Jackie Wruck. Duane and Sandy both offered to serve another term. The council will ask Jackie Wruck if she will serve another term. Also, two youth will need to be recruited.

There were no additional agenda items added for the joint meeting with Mayhew Lake parish. A future agenda item will be reviewing the mass attendance counts. Our report needs to be compared with Annunciation's report.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Spence