

## **Immaculate Conception Church Parish Council Meeting Minutes August 26, 2008**

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Immaculate Conception Church Parish Council was held at 7pm on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 in the Fellowship Hall. Members present were: Jackie Wruck, Michele Hiscock, Scott Beierman, Sandy Durant, Francis Januschka, Duane Cekalla, and Greg Frank. Sandy Saldana was excused. Fr. Tim Wenzel and Pat Spence were also present. Fr. Tim opened the meeting with prayer and Chair Duane Cekalla and Fr. Tim welcomed the new members: Michele, Scott, and Francis. Fr. Tim led a Commissioning Service for the new members and gave them a special blessing.

The agenda was approved as printed on a motion by Jackie Wruck and second by Greg Frank. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed with one addition under the "Pastor's Report:" Fr. Tim and Bill Rauch met with Climate Air. Motion was made by Sandy Durant and seconded by Greg Frank to approve the minutes as amended.

Greg Frank presented the annual report for the Finance Council. He reported that the Council met last week to review the financial statements and all were in good order. The parish annual income was about \$5,000 more than expenses, and the parish is continuing to pay on the building debt. We may need to do something to "sparkplug" more giving for the building debt reduction. The parish has \$90,000 in savings, which is reserved for emergencies. The building projects are moving forward and the Finance Council continues to hope that more families will be able to sponsor classrooms and make donations. Fr. Tim reported that a \$5,000 for sponsorship of a classroom was received today. A question was asked about the amount paid on the building debt during the past year; it is approximately \$18,000 of principal. Pat Spence added that the fundraisers are very important in reducing the debt and more people need to be invited and encouraged to help plan and staff the fundraisers.

There was no Maintenance Committee report.

Pat Spence reported that the Liturgy Committee held its annual retreat at her home earlier today for evaluation and planning purposes. She used new software for creating the fall ministry schedule, the choir schedules are complete, and there was discussion about the date and time for a Mass for the Feast of All Saints, since this year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. The council felt that Fr. Tim's recommendation to have a Mass on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am was a good idea. This would be at Rice, since the Labor Day Mass is at Mayhew Lake. We will continue to rotate these shared Masses.

Pat reported that the Faith Formation schedules and registration materials were made available to all parish families this past weekend. She is recruiting catechists and other volunteers. It will be challenging to find space for children's classes during the classroom construction phase, which is anticipated to be complete by Christmas. Rice Elementary's principal has been contacted regarding additional rental space that might be available there. We will also use three spaces in the rectory. Pat and Sandy Durant gave the Council an overview of Vacation Bible School, which was held August 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful ecumenical experience for the Rice community. A Follow Up meeting on VBS will be held tomorrow evening.

A report was given by Greg and Fr. Tim on the progress on the building projects. The airconditioning/heating system is near completion. It will be efficient with good air exchange. It uses state of the art technology with programable thermostats. The Council expressed appreciation to Nick Preusser for his leadership on both the classroom and airconditioning/heating projects. His coordination of the projects is saving the cost of hiring a general contractor.

The council discussed the rotation for serving the monthly coffee and rolls after Mass. The Parish Council will serve on September 7<sup>th</sup> (Sandy Durant, Greg Frank, Duane Cekalla and Michele Hiscock); Finance Council will serve in October and the Christian Women in November (breakfast). The following months will use the same rotation as last year. The purpose of having committees serve the monthly socials is so that parishioners will get to know who is on the various councils.

Fr. Tim informed the council that the joint parish pictorial directory will be on the agenda for the joint meeting with the Annunciation Council. Duane Cekalla has spoken with Bill Rauch on getting an additional sign to give direction to our bathrooms. Fr. Tim reported that he feels things are going well. He is pleased that the trustees gave him permission to invite a guest priest to cover the Saturday Masses

when he has a wedding so that he can have the opportunity to go to the reception and dinner. Bishop Kinney has encouraged the priests to do three Masses on a weekend. He will begin offering a monthly Baptism class for expectant parents, which should help his schedule; there are many baptisms in our two parishes. Greg told Father that the council will depend on him to let them know if the workload gets too difficult.

Greg then reported on Summerfest. He said that Bill and LuAnn Popp thought everything went well, and the net profit was slightly higher than last year. The profit goes into the parish general fund. Francis requested that the list of raffle winners be posted if possible. The council discussed the dinner and suggested that we establish a tradition of having the same menu each year and a lower cost. The council also recommended that a follow up meeting be held with the chairs of different booths to evaluate and plan for next year.

The parish appreciation social is September 21<sup>st</sup> at Mark and Roxanne Saldana's home. It will be a potluck with the parish buying the brats. Fr. Tim encouraged parish council members to attend. Pat Spence said that more help is needed for the Craft Fair fundraiser, especially with the parking. It is September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The parish will have a mission in October 2009 with Redemptorist priest, Peter Schavitz. This will be discussed at future meetings.

The next council meeting is October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, and the next joint meeting with Annunciation Church will be November 11 at 8pm. The meeting adjourned on a motion by Greg Frank and second by Scott Beierman.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Spence