

Immaculate Conception Parish Council Meeting

Date: November 18th, 2007

Attendance: Fr. Donnelly, Chuck Hughes, Trevor Behm, Bart Baird, Pam Brunner, John Cales, Wendy Fults, Rose Ann Crofoot, Julie O'Brien

- Opening Prayer – John Cales
- Scripture Reading – John Cales
- Review of last month's minutes; minutes approved by Rose Ann Crofoot, 2nd Wendy Fults
- Parish Directory Update: Fr. Donnelly noted to list Finance Council as separate council and not under Pastoral Council section.

Commission Updates

- Education
 - Julie O'Brien expressed concern of mold in basement of church. Inquired if the basement is going to be improved for regular use. Fr. Donnelly has improvements in mind, will be speaking with contractor. There has been no water penetration in basement for several months since pumps were fixed. Still evaluating if the water problem is completely eliminated. Fr. Donnelly also noted that the church does not have a back-up generator for the pumps in case the electricity goes out.
 - Julie also inquired who is responsible for moving/arranging the tables, chairs, etc. for scheduled events. Joe in maintenance will handle.
- Evangelization
 - Renewals in process. 10 participants for Men's Renewal, 15 in Women's Renewal and 14 for Youth Renewal
 - Life in the Spirit not in process at this time.
- Finance Council - None
- Parish Life
 - Share Christmas underway. 10 families which include 36 kids are participating.
 - John Cales suggested doing more for the families this year. Several participants are very ill. Suggested gifts such as scrap books, photo albums, gift cards, etc. to be donated. John will work with Rebecca Owoc to help coordinate.
 - Planning is under way for the Fall Festival. Volunteers welcome and needed. Wendy Fults will coordinate initial planning meetings. Julie O'Brien, John Cales, Rose Ann Crofoot, Chuck Hughes & Rebecca Owoc (volunteered by Chuck since Rebecca was absent from the meeting) volunteered to help.
- Social Concerns – None
- Spiritual Development
 - Fr. Goebel Advent Mission talk will be Nov. 30th. Reception following in Goebel Hall.

- Spiritual Development Commission will be providing a basket to be raffled off during Lent during the fish bakes.

Teaching by Fr. Donnelly on Parish Council Planning

- Fr. currently working with Cleveland Diocese in updating the Parish Pastoral Council Policy.
 - Includes reviewing guidelines from other Dioceses.
 - Gave example of one Diocese in Illinois in which their study indicated the Diocese consisted of 3 acting types of Parish Councils
 1. Coordinating Body
 2. Consultative Group
 3. Pastoral Planning
 - Fr. would like to see ICC Parish Council focus more on Pastoral Planning.
- Mission Statements
 - Fr. Donnelly expressed the importance of the mission statement in which it gives the church direction.
 - After months of discussion and consideration, several more mission statements were reviewed and finally agreed to a statement suggested by Wendy Fults, “United in Prayer, To Love, To Teach and To Serve”.
 - Mission Statement approved by Pam Brunner, 2nd Julie O’Brien

General Notes

- Next Parish Council Executive Meeting – Dec. 13th @ 6:00pm
- Next Parish Council Meeting – Dec. 16th @ 12:30pm
- Volunteer Dinner – Jan. 4th, 2008

Closing Prayer – Fr. Donnelly