

Immaculate Conception Parish Council Minutes
Wednesday, April 9, 2008
Heritage Room

Members Present: Fr. Dennis Colter, Kevin Davis, Becky Bertch, Ken Thoma, Gary Mangrich, Rhonda Bloes, Teresa Fischels, Dessie Rottinghaus, and Janet Reiter, recording secretary.

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

Fr. Colter led us in prayer.

Agenda approved.

Minutes approved as corrected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Education: Committee member not present

Spiritual Growth & Liturgy: Teresa commented on some ideas the Liturgy Committee has and customs they would like to re-establish. Dessie brought information about the Archdiocesan Adult Lay Ministry Formation Program. Ken Thoma talked about encouraging a parishioner to begin the Archdiocesan Deaconate program.

Community Life and Social Concerns: Nothing to report.

Rosary Society: Paula sent a report with Janet. Profits for the Pie Auction are \$3,525.00 not including expenses. Next year's Pie Auction is scheduled for May 2, 2009. Council members discussed perhaps moving the date to earlier in the year. Janet will talk with Paula about the idea.

Finance and Administration:

PARISH COUNCIL STATUS OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Checking Acct. Balance 3-31-08	\$2,794.24	
I.C. Improvement Fund	\$197,656.98	
Income for March	\$83,112.84	(Adult Budget = \$45,538.00 Easter = 17,355)
Expenses for March	\$85,092.37	

Note:

1. The parish was able to pay the schools the balance due for the Feb. assessments. 70 % of the March assessments were paid.
2. \$10,000+ of income was the funds the parish received from Donald Becker's 401K. \$12,557.12 of memorial \$\$ were sent to the D & L in Dubuque and deposited in our savings account. This includes the \$10,000 + from the Donald Becker 401K. We choose to NOT set the Donald Becker funds up in a separate account since \$10,000 will be spent during the month of April for the purchase of the Baby Grand Piano. Our current interest rate as of March 20, 2008 is 4.5%.

Fr. Colter will bring the audit report to next month's meeting.

Buildings and Grounds: Janet brought the second estimate from Milt Foulks of Dubuque for the repairs on the steeple. This estimate came in a little higher than the first estimate from Fred Jackson Tuckpointing Co., of Dubuque.

Deanery Council: Next Deanery meeting will be April 17, 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Wedding Fees for church facilities was discussed. After inquiries to other area churches and with the concerns over the increase in heating and air-conditioning costs it was decided that Immaculate Conception Parish would raise the fee for parishioners from \$150 to \$300. We have had more frequent occasions where non-parishioners are reserving the church for weddings which then limits the dates available for parishioners to schedule weddings. The

Council decided that the out-of-parish couple's fee would be raised from \$300 to \$600 and the date of the non-parishioner wedding cannot be reserved more than six months prior. Couples who have moved away to college or for employment reasons and whose parents are still parishioners are exempt. Ken Thoma motioned that we accept these policy changes. Rhonda Bloes seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Fr. Colter added that some weddings may have consideration and will be done on a case by case basis.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on what the process would be if an individual wanted to donate a vehicle to the parish. Concerns over liability or unknown mechanical problems were discussed.

Fr. Colter talked about the Youth Ministry program that is being established. This group will be parish centered including both St. Joseph and Immaculate Conception youth. Discussion was held on a meeting place and activities for the group and all council members were encouraging. More information on this subject will follow in the bulletin.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted

Janet Reiter
Parish Secretary