

Immaculate Conception Pastoral Council Minutes
Tuesday, May 13, 2008
Heritage Room

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

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

Fr. Colter led us in prayer.

Agenda approved.

Ken suggested the wording in the parish policy on weddings be adjusted. The Marriage Guide which is given to each engaged couple upon scheduling a wedding includes all detailed information, regulations, and requirements of the couple.

Minutes approved as corrected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Education: Tim reported that we have open positions for teachers for grade school music and middle school math. Discussion was held on the policy, of which there is none, for use of the school facilities on Sundays and Wednesdays. Discussion was also held on fund raising. Many parents do not like the idea of their children out "selling" something which happens many times during the school year. Consider more programs that donate money simply by using there product. A good example is the Target Visa card. Also grants that are available.

Spiritual Growth & Liturgy: Fr. Colter reported that he agreed with them on function of the Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee and they will meet four times a year; before Lent, after Easter, in the Fall and before Advent.

Community Life and Social Concerns: Nothing to report.

Rosary Society: Paula reported that the comparisons were very close to last years Pie Auction considering we did not auction off a dinner this year. Next year the Pie Auction is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2009. Paula added that we will have a Christmas Tour of homes this year. Fr. Colter offered to have the Rectory on the tour.

Finance and Administration:

PARISH COUNCIL STATUS OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Checking Acct. Balance 4-30-08	\$5,918.52	
I.C. Improvement Fund	\$187,523.62	
Income for March	\$63,693.89	Adult Budget = \$43,000.68
Expenses for March	\$60,505.61	

Note:

1. The parish was able to pay the schools the balance due for the March. Assessments. 25 % of the April assessments were paid.

The Council requested a more detailed Financial Report for the May meeting. Fr. Colter discussed the results of the audit.

Buildings and Grounds: Gary reported that the Building Committee will meet tomorrow night in the Heritage room at 7:00 PM to discuss the new parish/school facility.

Deanery Council: Kevin reported that the Deanery Council discussed ways in which our parishes are caring for and accommodating our handicapped and disabled parishioners. The Kevin asked for the Pastoral Council members to be watchful of any needs that we as a parish are not fulfilling and report back to him. Kevin also reported that we have a very low percentage of parishioners that receive the Witness. Kevin encouraged all Council members to be subscribers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parish elections resulted in Gary Mangrich and Rhonda Bloes being elected to the Pastoral Council for their second term. Curt Frost was elected to the school board. We will have our annual council picnic to welcome back Gary and Rhonda and for council elections at the June meeting. Fr. Colter offered to have the picnic at the rectory.

The next class for the diaconate program begins in the fall of 2010. Diaconate candidates and vocations from our parish will be included in our petitions at Mass.

NEW BUSINESS

All Council members received a copy of the Change in Focus from Parish to Pastoral Council, April 16, 2008. Fr. Colter asked all council members to read through and we will discuss it next month.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS

Fr. Colter reported the discrepancy we encountered in the land transfer that occurred . Fr. encouraged us to sell the property on the west side of the cemetery road for liability reasons. Gary Mangrich said that he did not feel the City of Gilbertville would purchase it. The subject was tabled until next month.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 11, 2008.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Janet Reiter
Parish Secretary