

Immaculate Conception Pastoral Council Minutes
Wednesday, June 10, 2009
Immaculate Conception Heritage Room

Members Present: Fr. Colter, Gary Mangrich, Rhonda Bloes, Becky Bertch, Paula Vandembos, Teresa Fischels, Scott Becker and newly elected members Chanteil Becker, Steve Reiter, Larry Klein and Rosary Society representative Sharon Schares, also recording secretary Janet Reiter.

Fr. Colter called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and lead the council in praying the Our Father

Approval of Agenda and Minutes.

The Jaquith property issue was taken off the agenda due to the fact that it is no longer of interest to the parish

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance and Administration: Scott Becker is currently reporting for Finance and Administration. The Parish Council will receive a Summary of Accounts for Immaculate Conception for each month of the fiscal year. Finance Committee will now meet in January, March, June, August and October and add any additional meetings as needed: Approved Finance Council minutes will be given to Parish Council along with the current year-to-date financial reports. The Parish Council asked for a comparison of last year along with reports. The account with the D & L used for donations and expenses to the I.C. / Building fund has been transferred to the Bosco System. It was concluded that because this is a central building project the account should be handled through the Bosco System and not one of the parishes. Some of the council member felt that the people should be made aware that the transfer was completed.

B. Board of Education: Continued discussion on the I.C. / Building fund belonging to the Bosco System and not Immaculate Conception Parish. Scott reported that the fund raising group is at work. Also plans for the smaller building that will fit our budget but still serves all of our needs and improvements on the high school. The building will be designed for growth in the future if need and/or funds develop. Fr. Colter announced that Don Bosco has hired a new principal who will start July 1st. Mr. Eric Eckerman will replace Mr. Erik Smith who took a job with Nashua Plainfield Community Schools.

C. Community Life and Social Concerns: The Bus Bash committee will be holding a meeting in the heritage room next Monday night. The Bus Bash is planned for Friday, August 21, 2009

D. Rosary Society: Paula reported that the Pie Auction was down \$1,000 this year compared to last. Auction income totaled \$3,500. Paula said they are actively looking for suggestions to improve the Pie Auction whether it be the date, the format or an entire new idea for a fund raiser. Paula said she is stepping down as president and Sharon Schares will take over the position.

E. Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Theresa reported that Corpus Christi is this weekend and everything is ready.

F. Buildings and Grounds: Gary reported that we are no further on the shingling of the rectory roof. The bids needed to be redone due to the fact that they were not bidding on an exact description. We are waiting for comparable bids at this time. We will proceed on the east wall project after the roof is completed.

G. Deanery Council: Sue Reiter reported that the April 30th Deanery meeting was held at St. Gabriel Church in Reinbeck. Sue emailed minutes of that meeting to the parish secretary which she will mail out to the members before the next meeting. Some highlights were the Deanery's concerns that after information is requested and gathered in the parishes and passed up the pipeline, no information is ever passed back down that addresses our concerns or questions. Catholic Charities have three expected newborns up for adoption with no families waiting to adopt. Catholic Charities has guidelines regarding the adoption process, but the policy too will be evaluated to see if guidelines need to be changed. Also Sue reported that American Martyrs Retreat House would like to increase attendance at their retreats. Sister Janine Kuhn would like parishes to promote the facility and encourage others to attend retreats. Sacred Heart Parish has committed to give an annual donation to the Retreat House. Sue Reiter's term as Deanery representative is up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. The Council thanked out-going members Kevin Davis, Ken Thoma and Theresa Fischels for their service to the parish community.

B. The Council welcomed the newly elected members: Chanteil Becker, Steve Reiter and Larry Klein. Steve Reiter will serve out Kevin Davis' term which will end next year. Steve will then have the option to run again for a full term.

C. Election of officers as follows: Gary nominated Chanteil. Chanteil declined the nomination. Steve nominated Larry Klein and Gary seconded the nomination. Larry accepted. Gary nominated Chanteil for the vice-chair position and Steve seconded the nomination. Chanteil accepted. The secretary position will be covered by the parish secretary. Steve motioned that nominations cease and Becky seconded.

D. Fr. Colter went over the October count from 2008. Immaculate Conception Parish shows a good percentage. Fr. reminded us of the number of people who attend out 4:00 PM Mass that are from other parishes. Fr. said that to fine-tune the process, they are reviewing the way they do the Mass count in parishes.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS

A. Status of new facility previously discussed under Board of Education.

ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 12, 2009. 7:00 PM in the Heritage Room

Respectfully submitted

Janet Reiter
Parish Secretary