

Immaculate Conception Parish Council Meeting February 25, 2010

Those in attendance: Joe Dvorak, Jeannette Baldwin, Claire Gillan, Tracy Spry, Natalie Owens, Betty Krueger and Mary Dell Flattery

Opening Prayer given by Jeannette.

The following committees reported were given:

Faith Formation: Joe stated that everything was going fine. This year the children will **not** have off Wednesday before Holy Week. The children will be learning about Holy Week on this Wednesday.

Church Life/ Family Life: Jeannette reported that the committee made and sold the cookies on Valentine's Day with the money going to the Covenant House. Also on this Sunday, they held a Valentine Luncheon. She felt everyone had an enjoyable afternoon with the lunch and games that were played.

Social Action: Betty stated that the calendars finally were delivered to the prison in Mitchellville. The weather and scheduling problems created the delay. She also dropped off another bag of clothes to St Mary's in Des Moines.

Liturgy: Mary Dell said that the committee was working on the schedule for Holy Week. With the approval of the Parish Council, the masses for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be held at 10 AM instead of 11 AM.

Finance: Joe reported that Karen V.D. had Mid-American Energy come out and do a free energy audit on the church and the rectory. Mid-American Energy is offering several rebates for projects that the finance committee is hoping to have done. Adding more insulation to the ceiling in the rectory is one project that they hope to have done (Karen feels that she will be able to handle this project for the parish). They are planning on getting bids on several other projects: blowing in insulation in the church ceiling, landscaping north of the church, a new sound system (repairman states at least a new amplifier is needed), commercial dishwasher for the church basement, repairs on the stained glass windows. Joe said that a repairman had come to work on the organ and will be coming again since it still appears to not be working correctly.

Altar and Rosary: Betty stated that the baby changing stations for the Gathering Center restrooms are here and Karen will be installing them. The Altar and Rosary will again be having a luncheon for the First Communion children. A date will be set up for this luncheon. The First Communion date is April 25th at 2 pm. The April Meeting of the Altar and Rosary will need to be moved since the normal meeting date would be on Holy Thursday.

Knights of Columbus: Joe reported that the Knights of Columbus would be paying for one of the baby changing stations that will be installed in the restrooms in the Gathering Center. The Knights will be having a Pancake Breakfast after mass on April 11th. The parish will be celebrating Jean Dross' joining the parish on this breakfast.

Diocese Capital Campaign: Tracy announced that our Parish's goal is \$108,117. Currently the pledges are at 56% of the goal. The first phase of the campaign is completed and the second phase will begin soon. Volunteers are needed to help with the Phone-a-thon with the evening of calls to be held on March 9th. Snacks and beverages will be provided for all volunteers. The volunteers will be asked to bring their cell phones and call 6- 8 people that night. Letters to parishioners will be sent out before this date.

Jeannette brought up that it would be nice to have signs on the wooden doors so that people unfamiliar to the Gathering Center would know where the stairs and elevator are.

The closing Prayer was given by Betty.