

# Immaculate Conception Parish Council Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2010

Those in attendance: Deacon Joe Dvorak, Natalie Owens, Gen Gannon, Betty Krueger and Mary Dell Flattery

Betty opened the meeting with a prayer.

The following committee reports were given:

**Finance:** Joe reported that the west wing wall and the ceiling above where the Father Reynolds and Joe sit will be fixed, starting on Monday, February 1. Karen Van Dusseldorp had Mid-American Energy do an energy audit on the church and the rectory. Several rebates could be given to the parish if some changes are made. It is planned that the parish will make several of the suggested changes since Mid-American Energy will help with the cost of the changes due to the rebates. The contribution statements are already out. The financial statement for the first half of the financial year will be coming out soon.

**Faith Formation:** Joe stated that things are going along fine.

**Church/Family Life:** Gen said that the combined committee will be making cookies during the first part of February to be sold to parish members during the luncheon will be provided to the parish on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The luncheon will consist of pork sandwiches and other goodies.

**Social Action:** Betty stated that the calendars will be delivered when the weather is cooperative. The committee hopes to start on projects after Easter. Another trip was made to St. Mary's to deliver clothing.

**Liturgy:** Mary Dell reported that the parish has a RCIA candidate. The Right of Acceptance for the candidate will be held this Sunday, January 21, 2010. The Right of Acceptance will be held in Ottumwa on February 28. The committee selected the Easter Candle and Joe will be ordering it. Rice Bowls suppers will be held at 6 PM with Stations of the Cross at 7 PM each Friday during Lent. Adoration will be held each Monday at 6:30 PM during Lent.

**Altar and Rosary:** Betty said that they are considering having a "shower" for items that are needed for the church. She asked about possibly getting a baby changing station in the women's restroom in the gathering center.

**Knights of Columbus:** Their dinner and basket auction will be held on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Diocese Capital Campaign:** On February 7<sup>th</sup>, a video will be shown after mass by the capital campaign committee. The committee will be sponsoring donuts that day after mass. The committee will be asking for help with the campaign making calls to parishioners. Some parishioners will be personally contacted. The committee has already started asking for pledges. The pledges already received are up to 25% of the parish's goal. The pledges are for a 3- 5 year time period. It is planned that the campaign will be over by Palm Sunday.

**Other:** The High School students that attended the NCYC will continue to work on ways to pay back the \$300 that the parish loaned to them so that they could attend the conference. They will continue to collect cans. The next NCYC will be held in Indianapolis in two years.

Betty gave a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.