

## Immaculate Conception Parish Council Meeting

Those in attendance: Gen Gannon, Ed Flattery, Claire Gillan, Jeanette Baldwin, Tracy Spry, Natalie Owens, Joe Dvorak and Mary Dell Flattery

The opening prayer was given by Jeanette.

Committee reports were given:

**Faith Formation:** Joe reported that the Church Life and Family Life committee had treats for the religious education students on their "Kick off" night of classes. Faith Formation has all the teachers needed. Joe is teaching the confirmation class this year. He is hoping that he has some assistance with the class. The Youth Group had 9 students in attendance. Natalie will be teaching the 3 to kindergarten children during mass again this year. Susan is starting a Christian Yoga class for the High School students on Sunday evenings. Vacation Bible school went well. Joe stated that he will start a push for the Youth Rally. Confirmation will be held in Newton on February 26, 2011 at 5:30 PM. The NCYC will be held in another year in Columbus, Ohio.

**Church Life/Family Life:** Gen reported that the committee provided ice cream and cookies to the Religious Education students on their first night. Flowers and donuts were provided on Grandparents' Day. The committee will be making cookies to sell for the Covenant House. On October 10 they will be having a party for the whole Parish at the Webb's ranch at 3:30 PM.

**Social Action:** Joe reported that there will be a clothing drive in October. The month of October is Right to Life. Betty Krueger wishes to retire from the committee.

**Liturgy:** In November, the Book of the Dead will be present. We will be having candles for this year's deceased presented on October 31 so they will be on the altar during November. Mass for All Saints Day will be on Monday at 5:30 PM. On Tuesday for All Souls Day the service will be at 6:30 PM. The Area Planning Meeting will be held this coming Sunday at 5 PM in Pella. After this meeting, the Parish will need to have two meetings for all parish members to attend. The committee is starting to discuss Advent.

**Finance Committee and Buildings and Grounds:** Joe reported that the corner of the Baptismal Font has been repaired. The dishwasher that Dickerson Mechanical has, was saved before their building was flooded. Joe will also be checking on companies' prices for commercial dishwashers for church. He is having the roof looked at again since it is again leaking. He is trying to get a hold of the man to repair the concrete by the Gathering Center.

**Altar and Rosary:** They are scheduled to say the Rosary through October.

**Knights of Columbus:** The Knights will saying the Rosary on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in October. They applied for Knight of Columbus disaster relief funds for people in Colfax. The Knights will be having a Dinner and auction on February 19, 2011.

**Other:**

**Area Planning Meeting:** The Colfax attendees will meet in the parking lot and car pool to Pella. Two Town Meetings of the Parish members will be held to discuss the weaknesses and the strengths of our Parish. Two representatives will then be picked to attend meetings on how we can collaborate with our parishes. It was discussed that if food were provided before the meetings that possibly more parish members would attend the Town meetings.

Closing prayer was given by Joe.

The next meeting will be October 28.