

Our mission at Immaculate Heart of Mary is to know, love, and serve God. We are united by our faith, the sacraments and prayer. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit we devote our time, talents, and resources to following Jesus by....

-learning and sharing the Gospel
-building up our families and community and
-ministering to the needs of others.

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes for February 25, 2010

Present: Suzanne Henggeler, Katy Janicki, Pat Pieters, Terry Carter, Connie Swearingen, Jennifer Reichlin, Scott Davis, Bill Wetzell, Ann Alford, Susan Trout, Bill Vaith, Rachel Youngquist

Also: Laurie Brown, Tom O'Brien-Wilson

Opening prayer - Prayer of Light

Reading of minutes: corrections or additions: a 4' fence has been donated/not 5'

Prayer Reflection by Suzanne Henggeler, The Stream of Life, by Martha Smock

Reports from Parish

1. Faith Formation –one new volunteer to watch the toddlers during Sacramental prep class. No new kids or teachers yet. There is an updated calendar for Vortex and Edge, a CRS Food Fast March 19/20 concluding with Mass and dinner at IHM
2. Liturgy-would like to get medals for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and possibly greeters and ushers, Susan, Jennifer, Ann & Rachel will research usher guidelines, then meet with usher leadership to encourage new usher training and update current ushers.
3. Maintenance- new heating system bids: Right Way \$13,000-\$16,000. Handy's Heating \$12,000, Myers \$27,000. Lights will be reviewed with All-Phase for updates in church at no cost to parish with PSE rebate, review will include increased security lighting outside.

Reports from Organizations

1. Human Life – a need for vigilance in prayer and action to support Pregnancy Choices
2. Ladies Guild – will donate a new altar cloth for St. Catherine's, St. Patrick's Tea on 3/14 after 11am and 1pm Mass
3. Knights of Columbus – no April steak fry as the first Saturday is Holy Saturday
4. Rosary Guild – sent 200 rosaries to Haiti last month

Ongoing Business

1. Coming Home: the vestibule is completed, welcome packets are still being created
2. Ongoing spiritual growth for the parish-Speakers for Lent are scheduled
3. Welcome of Spanish Mass parishioners – Council's welcome reception was fun, we will schedule the egg hunt to include children from both 11 and 1pm Masses.

New Business

1. It has been agreed that the parish will no longer buy styrofoam cups. Recycling them is difficult, they are unhealthy for parishioners, and not environmentally friendly. We will use paper hot cups (or wash cups, at discretion of volunteers) from now on.
2. It was agreed that each agenda item must be limited to 5 minutes for discussion. Several members will look for timing devices to keep us to 5 minutes per agenda item.
3. Proposal to create job description for showing, monitoring, and clean-up of hall. Hall use meeting is scheduled at 9:30 am this Monday, March 1 to hear from Frances Santiago what is done at the St. Joseph Center. Rosetta and Ernie have been invited to participate.
4. Proposal to use old St. Vincent building for Thrift shop. Consensus was that the building is in a state of disrepair and it would not be feasible for the parish to take on the expense. We will send a thank you to Carol Ann Feucht for her efforts toward this project. A committee was formed to look into what should be done with the building. At this time, we agreed to turn off power, gas, water, and electricity to save money.

Next Meeting March 25, 2010 The Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord.

Closing Prayer