

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 Minutes

April 22, 2010

Opening Prayer

Reading of minutes-approved

Prayer Reflection- a brief view of the origins of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Reports from Parish

1. Faith Formation-VBS has a jungle theme, is looking for more volunteers. Next year Sondra Ruiz will combine with current program in a bilingual program for CCD including First Holy Communion prep –this is enthusiastically encouraged by council.
2. Liturgy – Holy week went well, nothing new to report
3. Maintenance- electrical work (\$1500 worth) done by Seven Sisters. Many thanks for their donation of halving that bill with us (for \$750)

Reports from Organizations

1. Human Life – Life Walk coming up, Jan Tobin and Rachel will present at ICRS in May
2. Ladies Guild –had a good response with Easter Flower donations; will invite 1pm Spanish Mass ladies to Guild by invitation in bulletin, etc.
3. Knights of Columbus – purchased a Mother’s Day and Father’s Day prayer booklet to be distributed as a gift at the Masses
4. Rosary Guild – have some rosaries ready for distribution and will make an additional donation to Haiti

Ongoing Business

1. Coming Home update – there is an Archdiocesan retreat for Coming Home. We will create usher guidelines by next month to encourage this ministry as one of the first encounters new people have in our parish. Also, Beth will lead Stations of the Cross for a local youth group.
2. Ongoing spiritual growth for the parish – desire for parish celebration on Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary, June 12. Voted to celebrate at 5pm Mass instead of a morning Mass; Susan, Beth, Jeanne and Ann will create a historical review and Beth will make it into a power point; Publicity will be done by the Ladies Guild, Jennifer and Katy; the Guild will organize a potluck; Amy Davis will have a children’s activity.
3. Spanish community update – there is a 7pm Rosary on Fridays, Spanish Mass time will go on readerboard
4. budget discussion – doing okay
5. hall chaperone(s) manager needed. Drapes were damaged. Need someone in place for YMP in June and also for events later in Summer

New Business

1. Pastor’s comments: “if we don’t grow, we are diminishing”
2. Volunteer positions review: many of our volunteers have been in the same position for a very long time, we will look at creating a cut off for volunteers (especially those who are organizing other volunteers) in order to develop a sense of shared responsibility within the parish and encourage growth and the variety of talents present in the parish. Next month we will have a proposal for setting these guidelines/terms.
3. Coffee pot update: the location of the new coffee pots were discussed and decided. We were reminded that the money to buy the new coffee pots was given by organizations (not the parish) Ladies Guild, K of C, and Funeral Committee. It was mainly a safety issue as many of those who volunteer in the above organizations cannot pack the big pots full of water, especially to empty them when they are hot.

Next Meeting May 27, 2010

Closing Prayer