

COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES
Thursday, March 24 2011
IC Education Center Conference Room – 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Crosby, Audrey Cernohous, Arlene Tenner, Father Jim, Connie Crosby, Tanya Weinzierl, Rags Raasch and Eric Crandall. **Members Absent:** Jo Germain and Laura Rebhan

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order with prayer led by Fr. Jim. As Chairperson Laura Rebhan was absent, Fr. Jim acted as Chair for the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes were accepted by consensus as published.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Finance and Administration – Dave Crosby – no report.

Stewardship – Jo Germain – no report.

Worship & Spiritual Life – Audrey Cernohous – Our committee discussed possible ways to implement changes in the new wording for the Mass parts next Advent. Some cathesis to consider would be: Explain silences, renew the way we pray and implement songs according to the Gospel. Some other things to consider would be to explain that the Liturgy is the work of the Holy Trinity, primacy of the Word of God and the priestly roles within the church.

Catechesis & Faith Formation – Laura Rebhan – CF Department budget is looking good. Work Campers had a very successful scone/Irish soda bread sales netting approximately \$500. Common Ground Lock In was held March 18, 2011 and was a great success; planning for Baccalaureate Services and Summer Splash next. Respect Life Committee has put a series of articles in the bulletin to help raise awareness for Disability Awareness month. The next two projects are Child Protection Month and Divine Mercy Sunday. Kim and Patty will be attending a social media workshop sponsored by the Diocese of Superior on April 8, 2011. The workshop will cover basic etiquette for website use, Facebook, e-mail correspondence etc. with students and adults. Our first Marriage Prep Workshop is schedule for March 26 with 14 couples attending.

Education – Arlene Tenner – St. Mary's teacher contracts have been offered for next school year. The SCRIP information meetings have been completed as one step of implementing a SCRIP fee assessment for school families for next school year. An end of school year survey has been circulated to K - 8 school families for their response and input. The school's participation in the St. Patrick's Day parade was a huge success with a large number of school students and parents walking with St. Mary's float.

Buildings and Grounds – Fr. Jim – no report.

Outreach – Annette Rudd – no report.

Parish Social – Tanya Weinzierl – May Fest ribs were ordered and paid for 3 weeks ago. We have bought our ribs from Deer's Meat locker in Deer Park Wisconsin. These will be seasoned, smoked and slow baked. We locked in at a price .55¢ lower than Sam's Club and .20¢ less than Reinhardt. We are currently working on the special music for the weekend with some help from Fr. Jim (finding the music group, not singing). The May Fest Rib contest will have the church bulletin cover in two weeks.

Parish at Large – Eric Crandall/Ragna Raasch – no report.

OLD BUSINESS: Fr. Jim informed the council that the new Articles of Incorporation and By Laws for the parish have been signed by the trustees, bishop, vicar general and pastor, and will be recorded in the Government Center in Hudson, Register of Deeds soon.

NEW BUSINESS: Fr. Jim briefly talked about the situation in Hudson with Fr. Dahlberg. We need to keep Fr. Dahlberg and St. Patrick's Parish in our prayers.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Fr. Jim closed with a prayer. The next meeting will take place April 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Education Center Conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Skramstad – Secretary