

COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES
Thursday, September 22, 2011
IC Education Center Conference Room – 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Audrey Cernohous, Stephanie Schleicher, Tim Scanlon, Fr. Jim, Annie Rud, Ragna Raasch, Debbie Calleja and Dominic Rutledge. Members Absent: Dave Crosby and Jo Germain.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ragna Raasch and prayer was said by Fr. Jim. August minutes were accepted by consensus.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Finance and Administration: Dave Crosby – No Report.

Stewardship: Jo Germain – No Report.

Worship & Spiritual Life: Audrey Cernohous – Fall decorations for the church will be in place in October. Father Jim will do transitional teaching throughout the fall with explanation from the pulpit and through bulletin inserts that will explain the reasons behind all the word changes which will begin first Sunday of Advent. The congregation will be able to follow along in the Breaking Bread missal that will be in large print. The cantor will direct the congregation to the page numbers in the missal. The parish will use the missal for funerals instead of the funeral booklets because it would cost quite a bit to republish the booklets with all the changes. If there is special music that the families want, a soloist could sing them. Otherwise, most music, suitable for funerals is already in the missals. There may be special Liturgy cards printed up for the use in nursing homes.

Catechesis & Faith Formation: Stephanie Schleicher – Father Jim's Lenten Series has been set up. Week 1 will be on Mary (Jesus Mom), Week 2 will be on Joseph (Jesus Dad) and Week 3 will be on the Passion of Christ and the meaning of the fourth cup. Each video will be one hour long with discussion afterwards. Flyers with further details will be out soon.

The Great Adventure Bible Study will be held on Mondays from 10:00 to 12:00. This bible study will help us to identify the narrative books of the bible, divides the salvation history into 12 identifiable periods of time, explains God's plan through the forging of a series of covenants, and gives a plan for reading through the fourteen narrative books on your own. Cost for class and materials are \$50. Pre-registration will be required. Bishop Christensen is beginning a three years God campaign. Patty Berger will be in charge of this campaign and is excited about it. The CF team has attended two Diocesan workshops both of which were extremely helpful and beneficial to the CF team as well as the Catechist and students. Catholic Lighthouse Audio CDs has been well received. The CD's were placed in the front vestibule in June and 45 out of 90 CDs have been sold. The CF department will be re-ordering and will be focusing on Advent ones. CF registration is going well. The year is off to a great and positive start and CF is in need of 15 more Catechists. The job change over for the CF department is going well. On-line courses were offered by the Diocese for DRE certification. Tory took the course and said it was really good and is looking for more to take. Kim attended a Wisconsin Director of Religious Education Federation (WDREF) meeting on revitalizing this organization. The organization is looking to move from a supportive and mentoring organization to one of professional development and service. The federation will work closely with each of the five diocese of Wisconsin to fulfill this task. The CF department found a 10 minute video done by Life Teen and presenter Mark Hart on the changes of the Mass. It is our intention to show this to as many of the students as possible. Kim will look into purchasing the CD.

Education: Tim Scanlan – Grades 4-6 volleyball has started and is making excellent progress. The Marathon It! fundraiser will be held October 15. New Student Council Representatives have been elected.

Buildings & Grounds: Fr. Jim Brinkman – The new playground equipment to be placed in the wood chip section of the playground will be installed soon. Digger's Hotline has been called in case lines are beneath the playground and once this has been done, the equipment will be installed as had been planned. Fitzgerald Lawn Care has graciously made a donation to the cemetery to spray it for weeds and fertilize it this fall. Thanks to Dan Fitzgerald, the owner of Fitzgerald Lawn Care. The new sinks have been installed in both large bathrooms in Corrigan Hall. New toilets are the next priority when funds become available. The new garage is expected to go up this Saturday, September 24th, weather permitting, beginning at 9 am. Rain date is set for the following Saturday, October 1st. Under the direction and skills of several volunteer contractors, Knights of Columbus volunteers and others will assist. The concrete slab has already been poured. A time schedule has not yet been worked out for the transfer of equipment and materials to the new garage and the removal of the old. A notice in the bulletin will be published for anyone who would like to tear the old garage down for the materials when we are ready. The rectory shed is now finished and the garden lawn tractor and trailer are now stored there. Fr. Jim's lawn has now been upgraded from a garden to a young lawn which can only get better with age, just like him.

Outreach: Annie Rud – No Report

Parish Social: Ragna Raasch – No Report.

Parish at Large: Dominic Rutledge & Deborah Calleja – No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Ragna asked if the new school vehicle could be used for shut-ins for weekend Masses. Discussion followed and the consensus was difficulty in finding drivers and liability issues. It was suggested that it might be better to publish in the bulletin any shut-ins that might need a ride to Mass and that perhaps another parishioner in the neighborhood might pick them up. Tim was going to discuss further the policy of the vehicle for parish use with the Ministry of Ed. Stephanie gave an update on SCRIP and the success of the program thus far.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place October 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Education Center Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted
Theresa Skramstad - Secretary