

COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

IC Education Center Conference Room – 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. James Brinkman, Eric Crandall, Laura Rebhan, Jo Germain, Monica Rominski, Chery Stephens, Jim Tilly, Tanya Weinzierl. **Absent:** Connie Crosby, Arlene Tenner, and Wanda Viellieux.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order with prayer led by Fr. Jim.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: March minutes approved by consensus.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Finance and Administration – Monica Rominski – Matt Casey provided a review of our current investment accounts, an update on Royal Credit Union buy-out, and ideas for future investments. Finance Ministry is still investigating moving approximately \$50,000 to another bank/investment firm. Finance Ministry recognizes the hard work being done by two volunteers on the Scrip program. Finance Ministry would like to recommend the school form an active committee for this program and then report back to Mari and Ministry of Education. Thoughts for strengthening the program and goals were offered and outlined as part of these minutes. Jo presented an overview of each cost center YTD. Next month's meeting will focus entirely around the 2010-11 budget. Names will be submitted for the replacement of Dean Mergen on the Ministry of Finance.

Stewardship – Wanda Viellieux – No report.

Worship & Spiritual Life – Chery Stephens – Audrey Cernohous will represent this ministry on Council of Ministries during the next term. Feast Days and Holy Days will be featured on the front of the bulletin along with their significant meaning to the church as a way to help educate the congregation. Holy Week was evaluated and new/different ideas presented. Names will be submitted for the replacement of Yvonne Reardon on Ministry of Worship & Spiritual Life. Yvonne will continue to schedule greeters and readers. This ministry will now meet about four times a year instead of monthly as the Ministry's work is basically decided by the church calendar with special meetings as needed.

Catechesis & Faith Formation – Laura Rebhan – With 45 people filling the bus, the Dead Sea Scrolls tour was a huge success. Workcamp's latest pancake breakfast netted \$300. Common Ground, New Richmond's Ecumenical Ministry group, is preparing the Baccalaureate services for the graduating seniors to be held May 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. The CF Team will be attending a workshop on "Great Expectations" April 16, 2010. They will learn how to engage the parents by coaching them to form their own children and how to maintain this effective partnership with the parents. VBS preparations are underway with flyers currently up and registration forms to be distributed at the annual end of the year Mass. To help raise awareness of National Child Abuse Prevention Month (April), the CF Department is handing out pinwheels to be placed in an outside garden. Many questions have been brought forth on the recent controversy in the Catholic Church on the sex abuse cases. I have put together an article in hopes to clarify some of the questions being asked. We are waiting to hear from

Bishop Christensen and Dick Lyons before printing in the bulletin. It is scheduled for the May 2 bulletin.

Education – Arlene Tenner – No report.

Buildings and Grounds – Fr. Jim – The flower garden around the KC shrine in front of the Church will be removed this spring. The flowers will be dug up by the CF Department for May Fest. The High School Volunteer Day crew will put down new edging and trim with matching brown stone (what's in front of the Church). The reason for doing this is because no one wants to make a commitment, as in the past, to weed and maintain it. Unfortunately, there are as many weeds as flowers and some of the flowers get so big they block parts of the monument. Fr. Jim broke a new record sweeping the parking lot. It took him six hours and he hauled away ten wheel barrow loads of sand. The old record was 7. Fitzgerald Lawn Care will be taking care of the Parish lawn and cemetery again this year. The air conditioning units have all been serviced by Countryside Plumbing and Heating. Fr. Jim is happy again on the John Deere tractor mowing the rectory lawn. The irrigation systems will be turned on in May and set for routine watering. Pray for rain.

Outreach – Connie Crosby – to be e-mailed in.

Parish Social – Tanya Weinzierl – to be e-mailed in.

Parish at Large – Eric Crandall/Jim Tilly – no report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Fr. Jim gave a presentation on the plan for the Capital Campaign – next phase, attempt to bring us to our goal and possibly beyond. Each parishioner whom we have not heard from will be sent a letter asking them to commit to \$1,000 for the next three years. A letter has been carefully drafted and will be sent out by Cuneen, who is doing our campaign. A copy of the letter was presented to the council and approved by consensus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place May 28, 2010, 6:30 p.m., IC Education Conference Center. Fr. Jim closed with evening prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa Skramstad - Secretary