

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, Monica Rominski, Chery Stephens.

Members absent: Jim Tilly, Connie Crosby, Arlene Tenner, Wanda Viellieux, Tanya Weinzierl

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: April minutes approved by consensus.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Finance and Administration – Monica Rominski – Monica – We will be meeting June 2nd to review the budget for the next fiscal year. The DSA went up 5% for next year and the diocesan staff will be receiving a 1.5% increase. During the June Council of Ministries meeting we will be presenting the 2010-2011 proposed budget.

Stewardship – Wanda Viellieux – no report

Worship & Spiritual Life – Cheryl Stephens – We have not met this month and therefore no report. It was noted by the Council how beautiful the church looked and the liturgies for the Easter celebrations.

Catechesis & Faith Formation – Laura Rebhan – The Workcamp garage sale was very successful with a total of \$1500 raised. Workcampers are very grateful for the financial support of the parishioners. To show their appreciation, they volunteer to help out where they can. May Fest weekend was one of those times that they helped with the Saturday evening events. Thank you for the work you give back to the parish. Baccalaureate Mass was held for graduating seniors of both parishes. Catholic Formation Department is gearing up for VBS June 14-18, Workcamp July 9-18, Summer Splash August 2, 4, 9 and 11 and reviewing and preparing for next year's catechetical formation year. Many people believe that once the Mass/pizza party is done, the CF Department is done for the year. FYI, they do not have down time and are grateful that they do not. Formation for our parishioners is an all year process. As a team they are grateful and excited many participate in enriching their faith life!

Education – Arlene Tenner – Ministry of Education met in May. Enrollment numbers for 2010-2011 were reviewed and updated. SCRIP, per March plans, was updated at the May meeting with movement towards a new incentive program to help sell more SCRIP. A SCRIP working meeting is scheduled for mid June. The school will prepare an annual report in September at the same time as the parish's annual report.

Buildings and Grounds – Fr. Jim – Buildings and Grounds -General repairs will be started when school is out for the summer. Along with general cleaning will be painting the walls in the North and South stair wells in the church. Yellow lines painted on sidewalks where the sidewalk is uneven. The K.C. shrine in front of the church has been re done and made smaller as planned in last month's minutes. One complaint from a parishioner about the grass that is blown onto the cemetery stones from the mowing of the grass was brought up. Unfortunately,

it is very difficult for the large mowers to avoid this problem. All the stones could be brushed off after mowing but the cost to do so would be very expensive. Possible other options will be discussed with Fitzgerald Lawn Care.

Outreach – Connie Crosby – No report.

Parish Social – Tanya Weinzierl – May Fest happened and it was a lot of fun. All the ribs sold and Tanya is tired and in recovery mode. In about one month she will be back to her normal self again. It was noted by the Council all the hard work that Tanya put into the May Fest, especially the dinner with all the hard working parishioners, Knights of Columbus with the auction and everyone else who played a roll in making it a success. Several suggestions were made and will be passed on to Tanya.

Parish at Large – Eric Crandall/Jim Tilly – No concerns or report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Fr. Jim requested that all Council members have their reports e mailed into Teri (secretary) within seven day's after the meeting. This way Teri can have the minutes finished and emailed to all the Council for preview at least one week before the next meeting with a reminder of the next meeting. The Ministry of Finance will be hard at work working on the new fiscal budget for the coming year. With another projected deficit of \$30,000 it will be challenging to balance the budget this year. There will be some sacrifices made this year that will affect all of us in some way or another. For example, the thermostats in the Church and Education Center will be turned up four to six degrees to save on electricity. We will be purchasing the smaller version of the hymnals to save \$380. Some staff hours may have to be reduced. Again, the Ministry of Finance along with Jo Germain will be working on this to cut costs wherever possible. The capital campaign letters sent out last week to all the parishioners who we have not heard from yet has been showing some very positive signs. Next month will give us a better picture. We will have the new council representatives names submitted at the June meeting and both old and new members will be present for the August meeting. There is no July meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place June 24, 2010, 6:30 p.m., IC Education Conference Center. Fr. Jim closed with evening prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa Skramstad - Secretary