

**COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES**  
**Thursday, August 23, 2007**  
**IC Education Center – Conference Room – 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. Jim Brinkman; Dan Johnson, Catechesis & Faith Formation; Arlene Tenner, Education; Dave Crosby-Chair, Finance & Administration; Pat Derrington, Stewardship; Jane Derrington, Worship & Spiritual Life; Karen Nerby, Outreach; Andrea Statz – Vice Chair, Parish at Large; Tanya Weinzierl, Parish at Large.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dave Crosby called meeting to order with evening prayer led by Jane Derrington.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** June minutes approved as presented by consensus.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

It was confirmed that Arlene Tenner would continue as representative from the Ministry of Education.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Western Wisconsin Koininia group would like to be recognized by the diocese. They have been making contact with Sister Eileen Lang at the diocesan office in Superior. In order to be recognized, they need to have a parish to be attached to. Father Jim explained that our responsibility would only be to store some materials in the Education Center in an area that is not being used. Insurance is already in place to cover any liabilities. The following motion was made and approved unanimously: “That Western Wisconsin Koininia will house their materials in a space provided by Buildings and Ground ministry. Immaculate Conception will be the parish sponsor. Western Wisconsin Koininia will maintain all guidelines and direction by the diocese and national organization.”

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**Finance & Administration** – Dave Crosby – Finance committee has approved the purchase of 500 copies of Breaking Bread in large print. The soft covered music issue will arrive for use during the 2008 liturgical year. The finance committee is planning for the need to replace the outside doors of the church in the not too distant future. A three-month cushion will be kept in the construction loan fund. In lieu of funding in the Catholic Herald a public welcome to Bishop Christensen and a farewell to Bishop Fliss, a card and monetary gift was sent to each of them from Immaculate Conception Parish.

**Stewardship** – Pat Derrington reported that Stewardship committee is planning Ministry Fair, Impact Sunday and personal witness talks spanning the weekends Oct. 20 through Nov. 11. This is the yearly invitation to parishioners to prayerfully consider what Time, Talent and Treasure they are giving back to God and the community.

**Worship & Spiritual Life** – Jane Derrington reported that the Capuchin Friars from Milwaukee will conduct a Parish Mission Feb. 10-14, 2008. That is the first week of Lent. The program will include a morning Mass with special homily, an evening service, penance service, visits to the homebound, visits to the school and an anointing service. The ministry will be planning details.

Father Peter Christensen will be ordained a Bishop at the Cathedral in St. Paul on Sept. 14 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come for the ordination. Installation as Bishop of the Diocese of Superior will be held at the Cathedral in Superior on Sept. 23. Because of limited space, each parish has a certain amount of tickets to be made available.

**Catechesis & Faith Formation** – Dan Johnson shared the Adult Formation packet that has been put together by the ministry. Included is the schedule for 2007-2008 for all Adult and school age offerings. Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. has been reserved for Adult Enrichment. We are providing this opportunity for all adults to come and look through our resources, to attend adult formation sessions, and to provide a time and place for our catechists to prepare for their Wednesday evening sessions. The CF team will be working on obtaining the necessary and proper educational certifications and degrees to be in compliance with the Diocesan requirements.

**Education** – Arlene Tenner reported that due to various reasons, the budget for 2006-07 is in the red. Work will continue to see that the 2007-08 budget is balanced. Right now, the ministry is already working on 2008-09 budget.

Three pre-K sessions are currently being offered at St. Mary's. Enrollment numbers are total 176 with 36 of those being pre-K. Parents were reviewing interest in continuing to offer a basketball team for the middle school students.

The Education Ministry learned at one of the federal grants for new equipment to be used by the pre-K will not be available. Fr. Jim suggested they contact the Catholic Home Missions for grant money since our diocese is considered a mission diocese.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Fr. Jim reported that the “house on wheels” is now moved. The foundation area has been filled and grass is growing.

Further information on the outside church doors: The present doors have a short life expectancy because of the material they are made from. A bid is being given for new glass doors that will last for 50 years.

The August 13 wind caused debris from trees to be scattered through out the area. One tree on the south east side has sustained damage that will necessitate removal of the tree in November. No insurance for the tree damage.

The cover for the bell tower motor was blown off during the storm. It will be repaired and replaced. Slight damage was sustained at the Education Center. Insurance will cover that cost.

The rectory windows are being replaced with energy saving windows. Volunteers from Derek Construction have provided the labor.

**Outreach** – Karen Nerby asked for input from the Council on ways to acknowledge and welcome newcomers. Various ideas were passed back to the Outreach Ministry for their discernment.

The idea to post photos of parish ministry members on the bulletin board in the church entry was unanimously accepted. The purpose is to invite parishioners to feel connected to those ministers and promote more involvement. All ministries are to bring a photo to our next meeting.

**Parish at Large** – Andrea Statz and Teri Skramstad had nothing to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007 , 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., in the Education Center Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Derrington - Secretary