

COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES
Thursday, April 23, 2008
IC Education Center Conference Room – 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. James Brinkman, Arlene Tenner (guest), Connie Crosby, Laura Rebhan, Monica Rominski, Teri Skramstad, Tanya Weinzierl. **Absent:** Jo Germain, Cheryl Stephens, Jim Tilly. **Guest:** Arlene Tenner.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order with evening prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: March minutes approved by consensus as presented with changes as discussed.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Finance and Administration – Monica Rominski – Current balances at Anchor Bank were reviewed by account. As discussed at the last Council of Ministries meeting, the plan is to move some money to another bank. This move will take place once a new Trustee has been appointed and is able to sign a signature card. A 3M stock donation was given to the church. Due to the volatile market and decrease in stock price, the sell process is on hold until April 16, 2009. The Finance Ministry reviewed their policy of selling stock donations and some amendments were recommended and amended by Finance Ministry. The new policy states: "In the event that stocks are received as a donation to IC, St. Mary's or Christian formation, the stock will be sold immediately, unless the donor indicates otherwise and such request adheres to the due diligence of the Ministry of Finance." Our current debt reduction campaign will be ending in April 2010 and the balance of the debt will be approximately \$500,000. Options for a new campaign were discussed by this ministry as well as planning for a Debt Reduction Campaign 2010.

Stewardship – Jo Germain – Fr. Jim reported that there was no meeting – no report

Worship & Spiritual Life – Cheryl Stephens – Fr. Jim reported that there was no meeting – no report

Catechesis & Faith Formation – Laura Rebhan – Laura presented information relating to catholicformation.blogspot.com. This ministry is now "blogging" their information online. Workcamp is progressing well for the participants. There is a free-will donation Workcamp breakfast April 26 in Corrigan Hall. The CF budget has been worked out. Students raised \$302.66 as their Discipleship Project through Operation Rice Bowl while learning about the corporal works of mercy "Feed the Hungry". There will be a policy put in place by September prohibiting text messaging and other cell phone use during CF class time. Letters were sent out to all Catechists encouraging them to continue their education and to take part in the Diocesan recognition of their efforts. There has been a growing problem with students needing a place to do their homework and after they are done needing a place to stay until their older sibling is done with their CF session. Beginning this year, Room 4 will be set up to accommodate these children awaiting their sibling's completion of the CF class and it is hoped that the parents waiting for their children in the parking lot will volunteer to supervise the room. If necessary, CF will look for parents to help with that supervision.

Education – Fr. Jim – Arlene Tenner presented the Council of Ministries

Buildings and Grounds – Fr. Jim – New east doors have been ordered and will be installed this summer. The garage is to be moved and removal of the concrete, etc. to be paid by using funds from the purchase/sale of the new cemetery plots under the garage. The drapes in the "Quiet Room" have been removed and the rockers have been moved to the rear of the room to allow people to see.

Outreach – Connie Crosby – Appreciation Weekend went well. Floats and sundaes and ice cream went well during the Appreciation event. The date for photos to be taken for the new directory has been changed to August 20/21 due to a conflict in availability of parishioners and scheduled wedding.

Parish Social – Tanya Weinzierl – Fliers for MayFest go out this week. There is a big sign on order and Marketing is in full swing. Knights of Columbus are in charge of the MayFest auction and are looking for auction items.

Parish at Large – Teri Skramstad/Jim Tilly – A concern was expressed on the speed and attention of those driving out of the parking lot and on the street in front of Fr. Jim's house. Pedestrian safety raised.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church Signs – Update – Arlene Tenner reported that Alex Charbonneau is considering the project of highway church signage as part of his Eagle Scouts project. If Alex does not accept this project, it is possible that Andrew Blitz or Darren Bibeau may have interest. Arlene will follow up.

Bring Church and School Closer Together: Council of Ministries reviewed individual ministries response to the Catholic Identity assignment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Warming Table: The warming table in the kitchen has gone out. As the unit is 40 years old, we need to begin looking for a new one. Brand new table is \$1979 (includes free shipping). There is currently \$2400 remaining in the Doc Mayer account which could be used to purchase this item. Finance Council has decided to investigate the cost of a used unit through restaurant supply companies. Requesting approval from Council of Ministries to move forward with the purchase of new warming table unless a satisfactory used one can be found. Consensus of Council of Ministries is to purchase a new or used warming table.

Removal of Garage and Concrete Under Garage: The cost for moving and the new concrete slab and removal of the old to be paid for by the cemetery as a result of the purchase of lots on the present garage location. Consensus approval by Council of Ministries

Cease Use of Storage Shed: The storage shed to be emptied out by fall when the new rental contract comes due saving the parish \$60 per month. Consensus approval by Council of Ministries.

Usage of Baptismal Benches: Two existing baptismal benches are in the storage shed. Would like to refurbish as necessary and place in the baptismal about six feet out from where the crosses hang so people have a place to sit closer to the font during baptisms as needed. Consensus approval by Council of Ministries.

Padded Chairs for Cry Room: Would like to purchase 12 padded chairs for the Cry Room to help cut down on echo noise and make more comfortable usage. Proposing CF students will raise the money and private donations to fund the purchase. Consensus approval by Council of ministries.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will take place May 27, 2009, 6:30 p.m., IC Education Conference Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa Skramstad - Secretary