

COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES
Thursday, August 27, 2009
IC Education Center Conference Room – 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: May minutes approved by consensus as presented.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Finance and Administration – Monica Rominski – This ministry met with Wayne Miller from Cuneen Company to discuss options for the final debt reduction campaign to kick off in 2010. Details were covered of the three-phase approach to the campaign. The 2009/2010 budget for Immaculate Conception has been approved by the Finance Ministry. Now that the IC budget is complete, Jo Germain can finalize St. Patrick's budget. During these discussions, the issue of a school subsidy for their children attending St. Mary's will be proposed. This meeting will be held in September. The maturing of a \$50,000 CD at First National Bank triggered the idea of looking at new options for investing. Matt Casey and Mark Devereux made presentations to Finance Ministry outlining their recommendations. The ministry made a temporary decision for the current investment that came due and have made the decision to develop a "cash Investment Policy" in October that will guide all decisions the Finance Ministry makes. Reviewed a draft of the annual report which will be presented to the parish by Dean Mergen September 26/27 during the Masses. The parish will be having a monthly movie night and therefore a Movie License has been purchased for \$210/year to be shared in cost by the church and the school. The ministry discussed the need to add an additional member to their ministry. As Dave Crosby has now moved to Trustee making him a non-voting member, the ministry is now comprised of four members. This is the minimum number required by the diocese. It was decided an additional member was not needed at this time, but can be revisited in the future if deemed necessary.

Stewardship – Wanda Viellieux – This ministry's July meeting covered some materials for the Fall Stewardship Renewal. A list of possible lay witness speakers was put together. The first speaker will be Deacon Pat Derrington.

Worship & Spiritual Life – Chery Stephens – A prayer focusing on "Year of the Priests" will be available at the end of the pews for the congregation to pray together once the stewardship prayer is finished. John Measner is stepping down from head of greeters. He is contacting a replacement within the group. Guidelines for Communion Ministers are approved, but refresher training will be held off until the cup is again distributed. Fr. Jim is in contact with the Diocese for their official regards on the swine flu. St. Mary's students will be participating at Mass once a month. Kim Palmer will also be contacted for involvement of the CF students. There will be something special on October 7 with regard to the Rosary.

Catechesis & Faith Formation – Laura Rebhan – The CF Department successfully balanced their budget with innovative means of reducing postage costs for enrollment, reminders, and information. These ideas are outlined in the attached minutes of their meeting. The Workcamp mission trip was very successful and spiritual for the eleven students and five adults of our group that went for a week of repairing, building, and bonding with the people of the Red Lake Indian

Reservation. Summer Splash, our in-state mission trip, included seven kids from our CF program. We combined efforts with First Lutheran, St. Luke's and Bethany Lutheran working at Feed My Starving Children, a food collection within New Richmond for our food shelf, Luther Point Bible Camp clean up, and a fun trip to Valley Fair to round out the experience. ICC will host the Diocesan Fall Regional Workshop – details are available through Kim Palmer or catholicformation.blogspot.com. Several changes have been made to the Safe and Sacred training sessions and were reviewed. Bishop Christensen published a letter regarding the necessity of catechetical leaders being properly degreed and certified to guarantee commitment to faith and adherence to Catholic principles. A timeline of five years to become in compliance has been set.

Education – Arlene Tenner – This ministry met in July to discuss curriculum for the school year, introduce the new math teacher, and review enrollment changes through mid-July. Awaiting formal notification from school budget committee that '08-'09 met and exceeded '08-'09 projected surplus. Next meeting will be early September.

Buildings and Grounds – Fr. Jim – Fr. Jim's kitchen project is complete and looks great including a new back door. Minor adjustments to our new church doors, to be done by the installers, Esser Glass from Eau Claire, will be taking place this early Fall. Corrigan Halls uses 6' fluorescent tubes for lighting. These have commonly been replaced by higher efficiency tubes. As there are still some of the older tubes available, we will purchase a supply of the now discontinued tubes and start to change out the old fixtures one room at a time. The last area to change out will be the main part of Corrigan Hall in anticipation of a new drop ceiling in the future. Cleaning and painting within the Education Center has been completed for the new school year. The playground has all new woodchips as is the new approved product for playgrounds.

Outreach – Connie Crosby – This ministry met and had their group photo taken for the church directory. Pictures for the directory have started being taken and there are still openings for people to sign up. The C.O.M.E. meal at First Lutheran Church was August 18 serving 350-400 people. It was a huge success and ICC has been asked to serve again in August 2010.

Parish Social – Tanya Weinzierl –

Parish at Large – Eric Crandall/Jim Tilly –

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to approve Tanya Weinzierl as Council of Ministries' chairperson for another year approved by consensus. Motion to approve Teri Skramstad as Council of Ministries' Secretary for another year working from home approved by consensus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place September 24, 2009, 6:30 p.m., IC Education Conference Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa Skramstad - Secretary