

COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES
Thursday, May 28, 2009
IC Education Center Conference Room – 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Finance and Administration – Monica Rominski – No meeting and no report.

Stewardship – Jo Germain – No meeting. Those who have received the sacraments through this year's RCIA program will be invited to attend a part-day meeting wherein ministry heads should provide a short overview of their ministry to allow an opportunity for new people to learn the happenings of our church and become involved if interested. This meeting will be a potluck with the meeting portion taking no more than one hour.

Worship & Spiritual Life – Chery Stephens – Lent, Triduum and Easter went very smoothly with standing room only at the 9 a.m. Mass! Ascension will be celebrated on Sunday, May 24, in the Diocese of Superior. New banners are being made for Ordinary Time. A refresher course will be provided in the near future with written guidelines available for all Eucharistic Ministers. If we are short ushers for a Mass, volunteers are being asked to help out. More greeters are needed for the 5 p.m. Mass. A refresher training course will be provided for Readers in the near future. Family members are being asked to be Gift Bearers when the family has offered the Mass for a loved one. CF students will do fundraising to purchase new chairs for the Quiet Room. The curtains have been removed from the Quiet Room. Funeral Music Books~243 books have been paid for through donations with 157 books still needing payment. The cost of each Funeral Music book is \$10.

Catechesis & Faith Formation – Laura Rebhan – Registration has begun for VBS and there are currently 20 students registered with a month remaining for registration due date. The CF Department is working on their calendar which will be complete by June 16. Registration forms are available for Summer Splash with is a 4-day ecumenical discipleship program. Workcamp is in their final stages of preparation for their mission trip taking place July 12-18, 2009. The CF team, along with some catechists, is working on their certifications and paperwork has been sent in to see where everyone stands in their certifications. Intergenerational events are in the building stages for CF. The generic name for these large group events is "Intergenerational Large Group Event", but a more fitting name is open for discussion. The purpose of the large group events is to be formational, inspirational, as well as building community (getting to know one another as IC parish) and is for all ages.

Education – Fr. Jim – An Adhoc Committee needs to be formed for the upcoming viability study. Ideas brought forth by the school were shared to involved SMS students/family more in church functions. Mr. Donaldson has resigned and interviews are currently taking place with three men and three women showing interest. Interview data is being collected.

Buildings and Grounds – Fr. Jim – The ornamental trees behind the church were removed. One had storm damage, but it was found that both had carpenter ants. They will not be replaced. The evergreen hedge around the church was victim of ice damage this winter. If they do not recover, they will be removed this fall with new shrubs replacing the area next spring. Esser Glass has notified us that our new doors will be installed the end of June or first of July. The CIP crew worked in the cemetery filling in low spots and planting grass seed. They will be cleaning the church kitchen the week of June 8. Maggie Heilmann has volunteered to work on the Memorial Garden in front of the church. She will weed it and put down mulch. It is under consideration to seal coat the black top located along the Education Center south east corner. This will dress up the area and make the blacktop uniform in color.

Outreach – Connie Crosby – No Meeting. Cork continues on sign up for pictorial directory. Two more people have expressed interest in being members of Outreach Ministry.

Parish Social – Tanya Weinzierl – Tanya provided a recap of MayFest. The event was declared an outstanding success and huge thanks goes to the organization of this event by Tanya and committee. Many hands went into making this fundraiser and parish community building event a fabulous event. Congratulations and Thank You!!!

Parish at Large – Teri Skramstad/Jim Tilly – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Garage Relocation – Fr. Jim – The garage may not be moved this year as we are awaiting the cost of putting in the new concrete slab. The siding is not good and it might be easier to dismantle the garage and move it over in pieces with new siding added when reassembled. The soffits are also bad. The combining of the two abstracts together as one is being worked on by Jerry Ripley.

Elections – Fr. Jim – June will be the joint meeting of the 2008/09 and the 2009/10 Council of Ministries. Fr. Jim will put a request for a representative At Large in the bulletin as Teri Skramstad will have finished her term. Jim Tilly will remain as an At Large representative another year. Each Ministry is to go back to their respective ministries and appoint a new representative for the 2009/10 term.

Fund Raising Idea (St. Mary's) – Jason Schutti – Jason presented a new fund raising idea for approval. This would be a raffle with 50% of the proceeds going to the school and 50% of the proceeds given as prizes in several tiers. Jason is suggesting a ticket price of \$100 or \$50 per ticket. Consensus of Council of Ministries that Jason and committee move ahead with the new fundraising idea.

New Trustee – Consensus to approve Dave Crosby as new Trustee replacing Jason Pape.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will take place June 25, 2009, 6:30 p.m., IC Education Conference Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa Skramstad - Secretary