

Immaculate Conception Parish Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 20, 2016
7:00 PM – Heritage Room

Members Present: Fr. Huber, Terri Harting, Jammi Welter, Gary Delagardelle, Steve Reiter, Gary Mangrich, Jean Etringer, secretary Janet Reiter.

1. Terri Harting called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.
2. Fr. Huber led us in prayer.
3. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes by Jean and seconded by Jammi.
4. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance and Administration – Jean Etringer reported that at the Finance Committee, which met immediately before this council meeting, accounts looked good. The Parish was able to sent \$21,000 from Harvestfest profits to the savings account at the D & L.
 - B. Board of Education – The Campaign is off to a strong start, we have very good chair-people in place for this campaign. The Don Bosco business manager has been off work due to unfortunate circumstances but she is back at work now and caught up. The Lego League did very well at their event.
 - C. Community Life and Social Concerns- The Giving Tree went very well. We will no longer take gifts brought in late to the parish office. The Parish Council sponsored Dessert Auction to benefit Don Bosco High School will be Saturday, April 30, coinciding with a Gilbertville Legion Steak Fry.
 - D. Spiritual Growth and Liturgy – Fr. reported that the New Year's Eve Mass at St. Joseph Church was nicely full as was the Mass at Immaculate Conception. On March 13 & 14 Fr. Kyle Digmann will speak at 13 Hours with Communal Penance that Sunday afternoon. The Lenten/Easter post card will go out this week.
 - E. Building and Grounds – Nothing to report
 - F. Deanery Council – Nothing to report.

5. Unfinished Business

Steve did some research on the possibility of having devices for the hearing impaired installed in church. He is not satisfied with the devices he has found so far but will do more checking on the feasibility.

6. New Business

The subject of re-surfacing the plaza has been brought up with a donor agreeing to contribute a portion or all of the funds needed. We will wait until the snow and ice melts to look further into the project.

We have had complaints about people using the handicap parking lot who do not have permits displayed in or on their car. The office will put a notice in the bulletin asking people to cooperate in this matter.

7. Fr. Huber's Comments

Fr. Huber showed the Pastoral Council the October Mass Counts from 2015. A discussion was held on the lower than satisfactory numbers and possible reasons for it. With everything our Church has to offer the parishioners, the council views it as very frustrating.

8. Next Meeting: February 16, 2016

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Gary Mangrich and seconded by Gary Delagardelle.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Reiter
Parish Secretary