

Immaculate Conception Parish Council Minutes

November - December, 2011

Present: Fr. Tom, Dan Paxton, Ken Mitchell, Margaret Fuller, Mary Honeyman, Bert Roberge
Dianne Paxton and Sr. Michaela

Absent: Ron Walsh

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer – led by Fr. Tom
2. Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Margaret Fuller
Seconded by Mary Honeyman
3. Approval of minutes from November 17, 2011: Moved by Margaret Fuller
Seconded by Mary Honeyman
4. Issues arising from the minutes: none
5. Reports

Finance – Parish in good shape

- July 2011 – Oct. 2011 we have a surplus of \$10,000.
- Trying to put 15,000 away for contingency fund.

Maintenance – Furnace is done – waiting for Ron to clean up debris

- Government will give a rebate of approx. \$2,000
- Cost of Furnace approx. \$35,000
- Next project: look at Rectory roof and south wall of Church for repairs

Grounds – Snow plowing and sanding has been good

- Jim Phillippe shovels out entrances of school and Church – cost is split 50-50
- Jim also does the hall once a week

Hospitality - Thanks to Knights of Columbus for new coffee machine

- New urn purchased for Knights
- Dianne Paxton to be informed of events so she can make sure supplies are made available

Correspondence- Letter from Prince George Cougars re: group hockey tickets for Nov. 16th game – Dan looking after getting group together

6. New Business:

- I. C. School Vision – Would like Parish to do a survey
 - Survey to be done this Sunday, Dec. 4th
 - Pencils will be in pews; survey will be handed out after announcements and picked up after Mass

- Priest Council Meeting - Fr. Tom informed us that there were discussions re: inequality in the parishes
 - discussions on priest vehicles – who buys them – self, parish or diocese
 - discussions re: accommodation – parish provides, priest given salary & pay for own accommodation or parish hold on to house and rent out
 - Diocese would decide on Priest salary

National Federation Council of Priest in Canada – Fr. Richard on Council and Fr. Rectorino diocesan representative.

- Annual Appeal – goal has been met and we have gone over

- Soup Kitchen – thanks go to the Knights of Columbus for our own new pots

- Communication – Parish Council needs to inform the Parish more or what is happening
 - A shorter version of Parish Council minutes to be posted on website

7. Closing Prayer: Led by Fr. Tom

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 19th at 7 p.m. in Youth Room