

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 2, 2013

Meeting opened with a prayer from Father Joe at 7:30 PM.

Members Present: Pat McGrath, Amy O’Gara, Nicole Tomaszynski, Pamela Mertes, Mary Kot, Bill Gilmore, Anthony Jubinski, Father Joe, JoAnn Augustine, Deacon Ken Nowicki, Ted Stawiasz, Robert Tharrett, Elaine Abraham, Robert Mueller

Members Not Present: Joyce Bynum, Gordon Birgbauer

Minutes from March 5, 2013 approved by consensus.

Father Joe’s Report:

As I announced at the weekend Masses, our “Changing Lives Together” campaign is off to a good start. As of Friday, we’ve received 252 pledges and donations coming to a little over \$404,000 – about 72% of our target (though only about 55% of what we’ll need to raise in order to include the gymnasium project). About 18% of our registered parishioners have taken part so far, with an average gift of about \$1600. We will have some sort of follow-up to contact those we haven’t heard from.

- The CSA will be getting underway at the end of the month, with the Archbishop’s annual CSA homily being played the weekend of April 27-28.
- The Holy Week liturgies were fairly well-attended, with about 150 persons at the Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, and about 125 in attendance on Good Friday. I had a total of 74 confessions during Holy Week – a rather small number for a parish this size. The Easter Vigil was very well-attended, primarily because of the large RCIA group this year; we had 8 baptisms, 4 persons received into the Church, and 7 other persons confirmed. Special acknowledgment and thanks are due to Jane Mount for her work with this year’s RCIA group, to her and Deacon Ken for helping the Easter Vigil go smoothly, and to Pat Austin and the choir and musicians for the beautiful music.
- This coming weekend, for the Feast of Divine Mercy, I’ll be having a short homily, to allow time for the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet during Mass. The Divine Mercy Prayer Service itself will be held from 2-3:30 PM Sunday.
- Author and alleged visionary John Leary will be speaking here on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning around 1:30 PM in Church.
- One of our office secretaries will be leaving us in a few weeks to accept a fulltime position elsewhere. We’ve advertised the opening in the parish bulletin, and have received over 10 expressions of interest; interviews begin this week.
- The Blue Water Vicariate will again have “Traveling Masses” this year, in which people from other parishes are invited to come to a particular church on a given Sunday. We will host such a Mass in October; the date has yet to be determined.
- Along with the rest of the Church, we thank God for the gift of Pope Francis, and extend to him our support and prayers.

Finance Council – no representative – no report (Gordon Birgbauer was working Charity Poker)

Comment: would like a representative from Finance as well as Long Term Planning

LTP minutes from Feb. 19 & March 19 meeting presented

Worship Commission – Mary Kot – minutes as posted

Father Joe’s Comments

- Bishop Hanchon will be here for Confirmations on Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 PM.
- First Communion will be held Saturday, May 4 at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM.
- A May Crowning ceremony will be held at the 10 AM Mass the next day, Sunday, May 5

- I am planning on having another healing service after a Saturday 4:30 PM Mass – possibly Saturday, May 11, but that date hasn't yet been confirmed.

Comments: Would Father consider having a Latin Mass? Another priest would have to cover. St. Edwards has a Latin Mass every Sunday at 2 PM for anyone interested.

Christian Service Commission: Meeting was today.

- Five Members Present
- Funeral Lunch Report – two funerals the past month
- Del Haskin Report – cards sent: 11 in Jan., 10 in Feb., 2 in March
- Coffee/Donut Sunday – this Sunday only after 8 and 10 Masses
- St. Joseph Layette – donated 18 layettes to Catholic Social Services, additional items to be donated to Imago Dei
- Parish Photo Directory – sent to publisher March 22<sup>nd</sup>, hope to have back in May
- K of C will be having a food drive
- Blood Drive will be Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 2 PM in parish hall
- Ice Cream Social Sun., May 19<sup>th</sup> in celebration of 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Next meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>

Education Commission: Robert Mueller reporting – Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> minutes posted, March minutes not available.

Discussion of 3-minute messages to be sent to parishioners-bring ideas to Worship before presenting to Church, possibly put messages on Facebook for kids, school survey: when would you do it? Youth Group: 30 hr. famine 4/20-4/21, 4/28 retreat at St. Mary's in New Baltimore for high school

Vicariate Report: Amy O'Gara – report as posted  
Traveling Mass – Holy Family, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM Mass (Memphis)

160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Ice Cream Social (see above Christian Service minutes)

Changing Lives Together – Third call should be made between April 3-14.

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration – suggestion of having in it on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which is the second Sunday in Jan. Pam Mertes and JoAnn Augustine will organize.

Evangelization: Deacon Ken will go to Vicariate – Faith relationship brings people into deeper relationship with the Church and Christ.

New Business: Committee minutes should be submitted within a week of meeting.

Security Cameras – LTP working on getting 3-4 bids

Food Drive – will be April 21,22 – food goes to St. Mary's and Algonac food pantries

Parish Council – 4 openings for council, will have article in paper and copy of application

Next meeting – Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Meeting closed at 8:50 PM with a prayer from Father Joe

Minutes respectfully submitted by JoAnn Augustine





**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday April 30, 2013 Unapproved Draft**

<u>Attendees:</u>	Father Joe Esper	Dennis Cyr	Pam Mertes	George Eichorn
	Robert Clancy	Jim Haase	Jeff Wooten	Jim Mattina
	Gordon Birgbauer	Bob DeBusschere	Ron Vigneron	

**Call to Order / Opening Prayer**

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

Fr. Joe led the group in an opening prayer

Meeting Minutes from March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed by all and approved with corrections.

Ron V. reviewed the evening's agenda

**Garage Update:**

- Demo is complete
- During Demo a 2<sup>nd</sup> gas line was discovered. The gas company will reroute it for the new meter after the footings & pad is completed.
- Foundation work to be started after 5/4/13 due to First Communion Masses.

**Church Painting Restoration Update:**

- The current painting estimates were reviewed.
- Floor under pews also needs restoration. Quotes were also reviewed. the pews will need to be removed to sand & finish.
- All painting & church work to be carefully coordinated with church schedules including festival & weddings.
- George presented (3) bids for review and comment. Much discussion over Faux (Foe).
- Open discussion on keeping the marble look on the columns with further discussion required.
- Contractor Detroit Spectrum (DPS) is to be contacted to clarify their bid for both inside & outside painting. DSP listed an option to the church columns & would mock one up for review & approval prior to work. LTP to also have DSP quote a sealant coating on exterior north wall.
- Father discussed the moving back of the communion rail on St. Joseph's side to make it useful. Father presented a cut sheet showing 8" wide kneeling pad x 15'-0" long to be installed. 2 are required.
- Repairs done by the insurance companies contract was reviewed:
  - Workmanship poor quality
  - Corrective action on the leak was not successful. Water is still getting into church.
  - Dennis C. to send George an inspection document to be used to further pursue the repairs from the insurance claim & their contractor.

Roof was installed 1994 and must be added to the long term plan for replacing.

Dennis C. to get an estimate on the roof replacement.

Further discussion is required to consider repair or replacement of the roof at this time.

Roof issues are to be corrected prior to church restoration.

#### Changing Lives Together Update:

- To date there is 314 donation card turned in with pledges of \$469,000.
- There is approx. \$40,000 already sent in.

#### Campus Security:

- Bob D. to presented estimates and campus plan locations for both camera locations & motion sensor
- The estimates must include the parish office in the prices.
- Father would like a small safe installed in the rectory for Sunday collection for safety. He has taken them alone to the parish office during inclement weather.

#### Parish Concerns:

- Communication between committees, councils, commissions should be more consistent between them.
- LTP currently reports to Finance Council.
- Finance Council should be represented at Parish council and provide an Un-Approved copy of the LTP meeting minutes.

#### Gymnasium Update:

- Drill weep holes in block (On Hold)
- Add drain tiles around building (On hold)

#### School Entrances:

- On Hold until Church plans are completed.
- Jeff W. to get with Thompson Phelan Group (TPG) to discuss new entrance renderings.
- Jeff W. to meet with Mrs. Steele & the School Advisory Board to present their ideas for renovating.
- LTP to start to look for budgetary numbers to cover the side entrances were the student's line up.

#### Cemetery:

- Bob D. presented a map which shows the current occupancy level we will exceed capacity in 30 years.
- Property north of the cemetery is for sale.
- Further discussion is needed on the expansion of the cemetery into adjacent properties.

#### Open discussion:

Father Joe would like an overhang or awning over the parish office door.

Next Meeting: May 21 @ 7:00. Location: Parish Hall.

**Meeting Adjourn and Closing Prayer at 9:30**