

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Meeting opened with a prayer from Father Joe at 7:15 PM.

Members Present: Pat McGrath, Gordon Birgbauer, Nicole Tomaszycski, Bob Tharrett, Ted Stawiasz, Amy O’Gara, Father Joe, JoAnn Augustine, Elaine Abraham, Pam Mertes, Anthony Jubinski

Guest: Marsha Leaver

Members Not Present: Joyce Bynum (excused), Deacon Ken Nowicki, Mary Kot (excused)

Minutes from October 2, 2012 approved with corrections: page 2 – move “Canon Law-1983” to the next line, page 3 – “Tractor – council never came to a consensus about purchasing the tractor.”

Pastor’s Report – Dated Nov. 6, 2012 - See attachment

Vicariate Report – dated October 10, 2012 – See attachment

Finance Council – Problem with wall in the school gym was discussed (possible solutions covered in Pastor’s Report), we should have a balanced approach to future budget, discussed ways to help with enrollment at school (marketing is the key), Changing Lives Together will begin next year, Bid process was mentioned – we are going by AOD guidelines but would listen to input

St. Vincent de Paul Report by Marsha Leaver – St. Vincent will be needing donations soon – hopefully the envelopes on Thanksgiving will help, suggestion we announce at Sunday Masses that Thanksgiving contributions go to St. Vincent, we would like to have food available for emergency situations (possible cabinet in parish hall), St. Mary’s will no longer accept needy from St. Clair County

Worship Commission – read by Father Joe – report on second page of Pastor’s Report – attached

Christian Service – October 9 & Nov. 6 Meetings – Nine cards sent out, rosary makers will be selling rosaries to make money for supplies, Mary’s Garden – made \$200 in perennial sale, will purchase items for garden – will need new garden hose, MCREST provided dinners for 30 homeless as well as purchasing winter gloves for them, we will help with the Advent Tea, Dinner Party to kick-off 160th Anniv. will be held Sat. , Dec. 8th

Education Commission – 1. The Education Commission has met twice for formation and discussion. We presently have nine members discerning if they want to become part of the new Education Commission. We are meeting again on Monday, Nov. 12th (following the “Will Our Kids Have Faith?”) gathering in the Parish Hall. It is our hope at the December meeting to set meeting dates and times, choose leadership positions and in January to begin attending the Parish Council.

2. Attached you will find copy of the faith formation numbers for Pre-School through 8th grade. As you can see, the parish program is doing very well this year. (some info included in Pastor’s Report.
3. We presently have 14 teens and adults participating in the RCIA as of today. We also have three children signed up to begin the journey in January.
4. All Parish Council and Commission members are invited to the “Will Our Kids Have Faith” gathering on Monday, Nov. 12th from 4:50 PM to 6:10 PM in the Parish Hall. Fr. Joe has additional information for each of you.

Evangelization Vicariate Workshop- by AOD Oct. 18th in Memphis – Ted Stawiasz reported that they stressed we should all live a Catholic life and be able to approach people that appear to need help or could be dealing with depression. He felt it was a worthwhile meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Tharrett suggested we put a list of the deceased members of the parish in the Spotlight around All Souls day. Also, we should be advertising I.C. events more often in The Drift.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget – we now have a copy for review.

Calendar – envelopes went out already for this year, so idea to pick up calendars with envelopes won't work.

Letter from Father will be going out which includes a copy of the Advent booklet.

Drapes in Hall – Bill Gilmore not present

New Parish Council application forms – Pam Mertes - for next month look over old one and new one Pam proposed.

Gordon made a suggestion to look into having church hymns available for teens or adults to put on their I-pads, I-phone, etc. – could possibly download from the website

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 4th starting with 6:30 Mass.

Meeting closed at 8:30 PM with a prayer from Father Joe.

Minutes respectfully submitted by JoAnn Augustine.

WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2012

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:30 pm.

Present: Fr. Joe Esper, Deacon Ken Nowicki, Pat Austin, Carole Gafa, Ed Ross, Sandy Kott, Eliana Hogarth, Mary Kot.

Not Present: Rene Meldrum, Mike Mytinger, Carol Gawel.

Motion to Approve minutes of September 6, 2012 made by Ross, supported by Kott; motion carried.

REPORTS & UPDATES

MUSIC: Pat reported the new hymnals are here, 400. The words “Immaculate Conception Parish, Anchorville, MI” will be imprinted on the front cover. We will ask for \$18 donation per book, the name(s) of donor(s) and the intention (in memory or in honor of) will be inserted inside the front cover. The St. Michael Prayer and Divine Praises will be inserted inside the back cover.

All choirs are preparing for Christmas and the Epiphany Concert.

ART & ENVIRONMENT: Carole changed the décor in the church from Fall to Thanksgiving theme. A bride, whose wedding will be Saturday, November 10th, asked for white flowers for her ceremony and made a donation to cover the cost. Carole mentioned that many times funeral arrangements are left in the church and she uses them in the church if they “fit” the theme/décor, otherwise she places them in the hall for others to enjoy. Talking about the hall, in order to keep it looking the best, it was mentioned that even though we appreciate all the generous donations given to the parish a more suitable place should be found to drop off donated items rather than in the hall. (This item should be referred to Parish Council.) The “lily” is back in St. Joseph’s staff. The issue of the tiara vs. crown for the Blessed Mother was brought up. The ambo that is now in the church is only being used temporarily while the permanent one is under refurbishment.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES: Altar Servers training sessions were held and most of the servers did attend. EM’s and Lectors will be officially installed at the Masses at which they serve on the weekend of November 24th & 25th.

SACRISTANS: Ed hopes to have the newly refurbished ambo ready for Christmas. The Gospel Book will be placed in the niche and there was discussion about *when* to place the Book there, etc. The sacristans are anticipating getting black jackets to be worn during Mass, but the color “black” was questioned; more thought should be given to the color black, also the alternate of wearing white or cream colored albs.

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USHERS: No representation or report.

ALTAR LINENS: Now that the tables have been rearranged and properly placed in the Sanctuary this ministry will take inventory of our present supply of linens and make recommendations for replacing and adding new linens so the altar cloths and “table” cloths will be matching sets.

LOVING HANDS: The ladies are doing a great job, but we have lost a couple of our “hands” for health or other reasons; we will put an article in the parish bulletin for new recruits.

Deacon Ken talked about members of this commission using the Source Book to be apprised of liturgical procedures and guidance throughout the year for implementation as best we can.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS

11/22 Thanksgiving Day, Mass at 9:00. Collection will be for St. Vincent De Paul
11/24 & 11/25 Christ the King Commissioning Service for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. RCIA Candidates come forward at 10 am Mass.

12/1 Candlelight Mass at 4:30 pm. (Explanation was given to Fr. Joe of what this “new” Mass is all about – He was willing to continue our “new tradition” for *this* year at least.)

ADVENT: There will be an Advent mailing, dated November 20th, to all parish households with a letter from Fr. Joe, an Advent/Christmas calendar with schedules, a second letter explaining and requesting parish participation in picture taking for our new photo directory as part of our 160th anniversary celebration, and a third sheet with upcoming parish events.

Father is working out a schedule for the Advent Wreath.

Immaculate Conception:

12/7 Friday, Vigil at 7 pm

12/8 Saturday, Masses at 9 & 11 am

12/8 Saturday, 4:30 Mass for Sunday obligation

PARISH CELEBRATION AFTER 4:30 MASS, KICK-OFF FOR OUR 160th ANNIVERSARY.

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**12/24 Christmas Eve Masses at 4:30, 6:30, and 12 Midnight.
(Music with choirs at 11:30 pm)**

12/25 Christmas Day Masses at 9 & 11 am

12/31 New Year's Eve Mass at 4:30 pm

1/1 New Year's Day Mass at 10 am

NO Monday morning Mass 12/31

Christmas colors for the church: 40% white, 40% gold, 20% red.

1/6 Sunday, 3 pm Epiphany Concert. Reception afterward as part of our 160th Anniversary celebration.

OLD BUSINESS

AMBO: Ed Ross is striving to have the newly refurbished ambo ready by Christmas.

CHALICES & CIBORIA: Refurbishing needed @ \$100-200 each, or purchase new ones. No decision made.

NEW BUSINESS

VISITORS' CARDS: Discussion about making them available by placing some in present holders in entrances, or purchasing other small racks for that purpose.

DIVINE MERCY PICTURE: It was decided to hang the picture in the Sanctuary on the left side and perhaps have it lit by placing a light directly above it.

Next meeting scheduled for January 17, 2013, 6:30 pm.

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kot, Secretary

Blue Water Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes November 14, 2012

Hospitality was hosted by I. C.

Attendance:

Cardinal Mooney - Celeste Conflitti
Holy Family – Kathy Peace
Holy Trinity – Lucy Sebastian & Marsha Hicks
Immaculate Conception – Debie Hauer & Amy O’gara
Our Lady On the River – Mary Shackett
St. Augustine –
St. Christopher – Cori Krohn & Carole Klieman
St. Edward on the Lake – Laura Somogy & Harry Tillotson
St. Mary, St. Clair – Tim Zobl
St. Mary, Port Huron – Tony Paladino & Karen Gamalski
St. Mary, QOC –

APC

Hispanic Rep

Evangelization

Christian Service

D R E

Principal – Celeste Conflitti

Youth Ministry – Randy Husaynu

AOD Facilitator - Dcn. Bill Kolarik

Vicar – Fr. Joe Horn

Vicar Secretary – Catherine Wullaert

Visitor: Mary Zobl, Tom Zobl, Kyn Nummer, Dolores DeBaker, Kathy Stocki, Mary-Margaret Tiano, Dan Angeski from The Cross and the Light

Meeting opened 7:15 p.m. with prayer

Review and approval of minutes

Minutes were approved by consensus

Dan Angeski came to present information of The Cross and the Light. For the past 2 years it was called the Living Stations. The Cathedral hosted this for the past two years.

Due to the attendance and the limitations of the Cathedral there was much conversation regarding this and it has been moved the Music Hall in Detroit.

A four minute video was presented.

Questions were asked on age appropriateness and how to purchase tickets prior to going to Ticket Master. The cut off date for group tickets is Jan 1st. Buy 25 or more get 1 free ticket

The production would like to send each parish flyers in February to be stuffed in bulletins.

Together In Faith Goal Status

In continuance with the directive of the AOD, this is an opportunity for each parish to give a report in the status of reaching the goals established through the TIF process.

Some of the t

hings being done in other vicariates the TIF groups are breaking off and revisiting the goals / objectives and status.

- Establishing a group looking at if the groups are on task and if not on task what is need to be on task.
- When at the vicariate meetings, looking at each component, have some formation, then focus the discussion at achieving the goals of the vicariate. Fr. Horn shared that yes these would be good to put this on the agenda and to visit these regularly.

The intention of is to continue to grow. Some ways this can be achieved: Deacon Bill stated that these are the three ways the other vicariates are going about this.

- I. Break off to original planning groups, bring everyone up to speed
- II. Establish committees for each pastoral priority (goal)
- III. The whole vicariate would discuss one pastoral priority at a time

The consensus is to do this work as a vicariate.

What is the first priority? The consensus is to do Evangelization.

We will have someone come on December 5th meeting to do a formation piece regarding Evangelization.

Status of meeting goals:

St. Mary St. Clair came up with 4 more goals

Increase school enrollment
Parish Survey
Evangelizations

Holy Trinity- the emergency Cluster has been worked on and there have been a couple combined staff meeting.

Immaculate Conception – at St. Mary Queen of Creation, Our Lady on the River and I.C. a documented agreement has been presented to the leadership of our parishes regarding emergency Cluster planning. The three pastors and parish council presidents have signed the document and sent it to the Archbishop. There has been conversation regarding doing pulpit exchanges but nothing has been set thus far.

St. Christopher and St. Mary's - has had pulpit exchanges.

- Even though a parish may have gone through or is going through a cluster, there will be a need to name and work out details of an emergency cluster partner. Clustering there is still a need to look at setting up an emergency plan to a collaborative plan with other parishes. This is an ongoing process.

The 5 priorities
Christian Service
Evangelization
Stewardship and
Lay Leadership
Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Ministry Reports:

Reports are submitted to cwullaert@hollyfamily-online.org prior to the meeting for review

- **APC-** no report; no meeting; there was an emergency meeting for the Catholic Advisory Board to present the District School Plan to the APC group.
- **Two areas of concerns of parishes;** governance and assessment (subsidy)
- **Hispanic Ministry – Dec. 2nd will be the last official Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe.**
 - **First Sunday of the month at St. Josephs there will be a Spanish Mass**
 - **O. L. of G. will not be closed it will be used as an outreach post**
- **Christian Service** – there is question of who is the representative. Catherine is asked to check into this.
- **Evangelization** – Kym Nummer is looking at the status of the constitution. It was signed off and by Fr. Joe Horn. The Constitution was signed off by Fr. Joe.

- **DRE's** – no report; Fr. Joe asked how many DRE's encouraged their catechist to attend the Called and Gifted. It would be interesting to get some feed back as to who from this vicariate had attended.
- **Principals** – the BW principles; Topics Profession Development and Year of Faith. One of the big pushes is the embrace the *Called to Catholic culture plan*. As for the District School Plan, this is still being worked on. It is recommended that everyone apply for SOF grants – apply even if you are not eligible this year.
- **Youth Ministry** - Plans are being made by respective Parishes for Rainbow and Steubenville youth conferences. Youth will be offered to participate as a retreat at Subiaco March 15-17, 2013. There is discussion on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at St. Blasé in Sterling Heights. March for Life in Washington, D.C. is in the works. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of service is January 19, 2013 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at locations throughout Detroit.
 - Cotillion at Holy Family was successful There was 150 plus in attendance. There is a desire to have this again.
- **Right to Life** – Joe Pavol was not in attendance

Vicar's report:

Confirm Penance Service for Vicariate

7:00 PM, Tuesday, December 11th @ St. Christopher's Parish, Marysville

7:00 PM, Wednesday, December 12th @ St. Mary Queen of Creation, New Baltimore

1:00 PM Saturday, December 15th @ Our Lady on the River—Holy Cross site, Marine City

Catholic's Come Home is going to be launched

Catholic Charities and how they are going to be done is something the Dioceses is going to be looking at and bring the Catholic Culture back into it. It is asked that we pray so that this will go well. Jason Shanks is the new leader. More information will come.

Old Business

- **Speaker for Vicariate event- the Evangelization Committee will take this over**

New Business

- Back in July a survey went out to all the parishes regarding Social Outreach. Those that have not completed, it is online and they can complete it online

Open Forum

St. Mary St. Clair – Fr. Greg Deters celebrates 25th Anniversary is today. There is a Mass at 11:30 on Nov. 18, 2012. The Wellness Fair was well sponsored and well attended.

St. Mary, St. Clair is also in the process in forming their Evangelization Committee. The goals of the TIF have been an agenda item and they are making progress.

This past Saturday, the Traveling Mass was at Holy Cross which was awesome. The banner did not make it to mass.

Action Items

Bring a wrapped white elephant gift

Next Meeting

Date: December 5, 2012

Hospitality: Holy Trinity
Reader: Cori Kohn
Leader: Randy Husaynu