



Immaculate Conception Parish Council April Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2015
Meeting Time: 7:15 PM
Meeting Location: Parish Hall

Member Name	Present	Absent	Position
Fr. Joe Esper parish@iccatholic.org	X		Pastor
Deacon Ken Nowicki deaconken@iccatholic.org		X	Evangelization Representative
Nicole Tomaszewski nicolembeutler@hotmail.com	X		Council Member, Chairperson (Term 1, Year 3)
Pat McGrath (no E-Mail)		X	Council Member (Term 2, Year 3)
Kathleen Grimm kagrimm@comcast.net		X	Council Member, VPC Rep., Evangelization Rep. (Term 1, Year 2)
Lori Stefani Loril725@gmail.com		X	Council Member (Term 1, Year 2)
Bob Tharrett bobfarming@yahoo.com	X		Council Member, Vice-Chair (Term 1, Year 3)
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Anni Adkins Polock145@msn.com	X		Council Member (Term 1, Year 2)
Steve Boutorwick scboutorwick@yahoo.com	X		Council Member (Term 1, Year 1)
Laura Somogy Gardianangelspray4us@gmail.com	X		Council Member, Education Rep. (Term 1, Year 1)
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Mary Kot skippykot@comcast.net	X		Worship Representative
JoAnn Augustine jaugustine30@comcast.net		X	Christian Service Rep.
Jim Mattina	X		Long Term Planning Rep.

Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:16 PM

Minutes of the March, 2015 meeting were approved with the following changes: The wrong month was printed on the minutes along with having the wrong month in the footer of the minutes. The minutes corrected to read “March” in the title and on the footer of each page.

PASTOR’S REPORT:

- The retreat for this session of *Christlife* will be held this Saturday, April 11.
- At all the Masses this weekend Bill Gilmore will be making a recruiting pitch at the time of the announcements for the Knights of Columbus.
- The Daughters of Isabella will be here at the 10am Mass on Sunday April 26.
- Our school accreditation site visit will be taking place on April 29-30 (Wednesday – Thursday); the principal and faculty have been working very hard for months in preparation, assisted by other individuals and groups.
- Each year, on behalf of the vicar, I calculate the figures for our vicariate school support program. In the coming school year, our parish will be contributing roughly \$28,000, and our school receiving back about \$37,000. (Only I and the vicar have access to the total offertory income figures for all the vicariate parishes. Interestingly, five of the ten parishes were up slightly in their collections this past year, including ours, but all ten parishes had lower collections this past year than they did two years ago.)
- We are continuing efforts to reconstitute the Stewardship Commission. A preliminary meeting was held last month, attended by several prospective members; a follow up meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4. The Stewardship Commission will presumably be helping the parish staff sponsor the “Festival of Ministries” this November (the weekend of Nov. 7-8). It’s been some years since this event was held, and it seems like a natural follow-up to *Christlife*.

- Our parish will be participating in the annual Mission Appeal this summer, with a missionary priest from the PIME missionaries speaking at all the Masses on the weekend of June 20-21.
- This month's issue of The Drift has several timely and interesting announcements worthy of attention, including a mention of our own Dinner and a Movie night, scheduled for Saturday April 18 (showing "Bernadette: The True Apparitions of Lourdes").
- Other notable announcements include:
 - *The Cross and the Light* presentation of the events from the Passion to Pentecost: St. Isidore Parish in Macomb, May 14-16 (Thurs. – Sat.);
 - *Dueling Pianos*, at St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish on Friday May 1;
 - A St. Benedict Conference on spiritual warfare at St. Mary Parish in St. Clair on Saturday May, 2.

FINANCE COUNCIL: - No meeting – (the next meeting is April 14, 2015)

- The parish budget is due in May to the Archdiocese of Detroit.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Worship Commission – Fr. Joe reported - No meeting – (the next meeting is May 7, 2015)

- At the Easter Vigil this past Saturday, there were three baptisms (of children), two receptions into the Church, and seven confirmations.
- A month ago I offered a tour of the church sacristy after two of the weekend Masses; a total of about 35 parishioners took part.
- As announced last month, a catered breakfast was offered on Wednesday March 25 in celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation; about 40 people attended. (The cost was donated by a parishioner; the remainder of the donations was applied to last year's CSA.)
- We will hold our annual Divine Mercy prayer service this Sunday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.
- The next Mass of Reparation will be Monday April 20.
- The Confirmation Mass will be at 6:30pm on Thursday April 23, with Bishop Michael Byrnes presiding; approximately 60 young people will receive the sacrament.
- The First Communion Masses will be held on Saturday May 2.

Christian Service Commission – Minutes attached.

Education Commission – Laura Somogy reported – minutes attached.

Additional Notes:

- Middle School Youth Group (EDGE) will attend the NET Retreat April 19 from 4pm to 8 pm.
- Dinner and a Movie will be April 18, 2015.

Long Term Planning – Jim Mattina report – minutes attached.

- The door to the boiler room will be rebuilt. The door to the church basement was replaced. The front doors of the church will be resurfaced.
- The upper section of the gym will be repainted.
- The K of C will be repainting the parking lot.
- The storage area in the school multi-purpose room has been completed and is working out very well.

- The electrical circuits in the garage will be upgraded/rerouted to accommodate the heavy load used during the festival weekend.
- Heaving concrete is a problem in various areas of the campus, solutions are being looked at.
- We are investigating getting a new commercial oven for the school kitchen.

Vicariate Pastoral Council (VPC) – No report – no minutes.

Evangelization –Minutes attached.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Our CSA will kick off on the 1st Sunday of May.
- We will be having a parish mission in 2016. Parish Council is asked to think about any issues or problems we may have here at Immaculate Conception that could be addressed at our parish mission.
- We are also taking suggestions for the title of the mission.

OLD BUSINESS: None

OPEN FORUM: A suggestion was made about installing photocell lights on the garage to save electricity.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:15 PM.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2015 following the 6:30 PM Mass

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Amy O’Gara, Recording Secretary

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL

CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEETING – APRIL 14, 2015

OPENED WITH OUR PRAYER

ATTENDANCE: WELCOME NEW MEMBER – LAURA SOMOGY, NINE OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT

APPROVAL OF FEB.-MARCH MINUTES

ROSARY MAKERS – WILL MEET AFTER 10 MASS PLUS THEY WILL HAVE A BAKE SALE AFTER ALL MASSES ON SUNDAY TO RAISE MONEY TO PAY FOR SHIPPING OF ROSARIES

FUNERAL LUNCHESES: THREE FUNERAL LUNCHESES

HANDCRAFTER'S MEET 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS IN PARISH HALL AT NOON. THEY CONTINUE TO MAKE AFGHANS FOR BABIES/CHILDREN WHO ARE BAPTIZED AT I.C.

COFFEE/DONUTS WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH AFTER ALL MASSES – FESTIVAL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP

ST. JOSEPH LAYETTE – WE PUT TOGETHER 18 LAYETTES AND DELIVERED THEM TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IN PORT HURON. WE HAVE ADDITIONAL MONEY LEFT SO WE PLAN TO PUT TOGETHER MORE LAYETTES AT A LATER DATE AND DELIVER TO PORT HURON.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR FATHER JOE – ARTICLES WENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT – ARE RECEIVING CALLS FROM PARISHIONERS WHO PLAN TO ATTEND.

BLOOD DRIVE – WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, MAY 3RD IN PARISH HALL FROM 8 AM TO 2 PM – KARILYN FEHLMAN IS MAKING PHONE CALLS AND PAM FOOTE HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HELP ON SUNDAY

TINA'S REPORT – 55 CHILDREN WILL BE CONFIRMED APRIL 23RD, MAY 2ND IS FIRST COMMUNION, 36 CHILDREN ATTENDED GOOD FRIDAY JOURNEY, MAY 17TH WILL START ENROLLING 7TH GRADERS FOR CONFIRMATION NEXT YEAR, MAY 3RD WILL BE MAY CROWNING AFTER 10 AM MASS, MAY 8TH CROWNING FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN, MAY 4TH WILL BE FUN DAY FOR FAITH FORMATION CHILDREN, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RUNS JUNE 22-26 (THEME – LIVING IN GOD'S KINGDOM)

NEW BUSINESS:

LITTLE WAY LADIES WILL NOW BE REPORTING TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE – LAURA SOMOGY – SCRAP BOOK HAD 30 PEOPLE ATTEND, IT BROUGHT IN \$1234 (MONEY DIVIDED BETWEEN FOOD BANK AND ST. VINCENT), SOCK HOP DATE: MAY 30TH IN SCHOOL GYM (FOOD WILL BE FOR SALE- PROFIT WILL GO TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION FOR CHILDREN IN DISTRESS), DINNER & MOVIE DONATIONS WILL GO FOR CHIMES FOR THE BELL CHOIR, PRISON MINISTRY LETTER WAS RECEIVED – WILL TRY TO CONTACT THEM TO SEE WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE, POT-LUCK AND GAME NIGHT WILL BE LOOKED INTO FOR FALL, MEETING DATES: 5/18 & 6/29

LITTLE BLESSINGS PLAY GROUP WILL REPORT TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE – NICOLE TOMESZYCKI – FIRST MEETING WAS MARCH 9TH – HAD 6 MOMS AND 10 KIDS, MOMS INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH MARY'S GARDEN, LOOKING INTO BIBLE STUDY FOR FALL, WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT OTHER CHURCHES IN AREA ABOUT OUR GROUP

NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, MAY 12TH – NEXT COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

Education Commission Unapproved Minutes
April 20th, 2015

Attendance: Margo Chilcott, Tina Kovalcik, Pat Phelan, Larry Ricard, Beth Tomaszewski, Laura Somogy

Excused: Anna, Diane

Minutes from March were reviewed and approved.

1st motion: Mr. Ricard

2nd motion: Margo Chilcott

Unanimously approved

Opening Prayer led by Tina

Mr. Ricard spoke on the importance of getting the kids into Faith Formation and into the school. He shared Evangelization statistics on the importance of the parents effect on their children continuing in the Faith and how important the dad in the family is.

Shine report postponed due to illness.

Youth Ministers meeting next Monday at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Laura will attend as Anna will be at Faith Formation promoting SHINE to the 8th Graders at their last class.

Middle School Youth Group Report:

-EDGE is just starting to get the word out that it is now open to this years current 5th graders. They will be making a new flyer and asking the school and Faith Formation to include information from it, in their newsletter and Spotlight and our Church bulletin.

-For Lent they worked out of their Semester Planning guide on "Scripture" provided by EDGE. They focused on biblical stories and the virtues that the characters emulated. For example, from the story of Noah they learned the importance of having fortitude and in Abraham and Isaac; Faith, Obedience, and hope. During Lent, they were challenged to practice these virtues.

-For Easter they had a special "Egg Hunt". Laura shared a poster board and briefly explained how it worked. 8 kids attended, which is a little lower than most meetings, they weren't concerned though as their 8th graders are moving on, the 5th graders are just being invited, and the NET Retreat was that same evening with 6 different members attending that event. 8 Youth total from EDGE attended the NET Retreat and 2 of those 8 had also went to EDGE Meeting that day!

-Also, at the EDGE Meeting, Anni Adkins from Parish Council came to talk to them about helping clean up St. Vincent De Paul's Camp Ozanam in Lexington on May 2nd. 4 of them were interested in participating.

-All EDGE members are being invited to go and see Peter Pan in support of other EDGE members who are in it on May 6th at 7pm.

-May 3rd and May 17th are our next scheduled meeting dates.

Faith Formation:

-55 Confirmation Candidates scheduled to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 23rd with Bishop Byrnes

4-28 Confirmation 2016 Parent Meeting 6:30pm in Church

4-30 First Communion practice 4:30 & 6:00pm

5-2 First Communion Masses 9:30 & 11:30am

-50 children will be receiving this amazing Sacrament for the first time, please keep them in your prayers.

5-3 Last Early Childhood, 10 am, May

Crowning 10am Mass

5-4 Faith Formation K-5/6. 4:45pm-6:15pm

-Closing Program/Fun Day!

-Enrollment for next year will be available

5-8 May Crowning for the School Children

5-11 Catechist's Meeting

5-17 Confirmation 2016 Enrollment 12:00pm 6-22 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THE ENTIRE WEEK!

Religion Textbooks Review Committee is being formed. Tina will be working on setting up Representatives from various companies to present their program to the committee for review. May and June were the suggested months for those meetings to take place.

Early Childhood: Pat and Tina addressed enrollment and needs of the group along with security issues.

School Advisory Report:

-Signage for the gym to be seen from M-29 was discussed.

-the school has a lot to be grateful for, scores well and has a high success rate

-Pre-school is currently full

-word of mouth campaign to help encourage people to enroll their children

-Middle School Theology of the Body has been completed by the 8th graders

-8th graders have finished the Confirmation Preparation

-CSI (Computer, Safety, Initiative) was discussed as a program possibility for school.

Open Forum: "Dinner and a Movie" . The movie *Courageous* will be shown on June 6th. It is PG-13. Inspiring Faith filled movie about the importance of dads in the family.

Next Meeting: May 18th

Closing Prayer: led by Tina

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2015

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:21pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Title	Name	Present	Absent
Committee Chair:	Randy Proctor	X	
Committee Vice-Chair:	Ray Somogy		X
Secretary:	Mike Nagrant	X	
Evangelization Coordinator:	Deacon Ken Nowicki	X	
Evangelization Coordinator:	Jane Mount		X
Members (8):	Carol Gawel		X
	Kathleen Grimm	X	
	Barbara Nagrant	X	
	Amy O'Gara	X	
	John O'Gara		X
	Jim Polcyn	X	
	Laura Somogy		X
	Theresa Whitenight		X

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: We reviewed and accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.

VICARIATE REPORT: A budget was submitted for approval at the vicariate level that included a healing mass, a Called & Gifted program, and \$2690 of funding for our SPSE training. Deacon Ken has volunteered to be the back-up attendee if Kathleen cannot make this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **St. Paul Street Evangelization:** We are planning to have a presence at the Perch Festival this year (July 17-19). Proposed schedule would be 2 hours on Friday, and some time on the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday. It was also suggested that we come up with an SPSE information based placemat that we can distribute on the tables during the festival dinner events.

- **ChristLife:** A ChristLife training session is planned for Sept 12, 2015 from 9AM to 3PM. The ChristLife national team will be present for the event.
- **Cathedral Mass:** A special mass is planned for May 23, 2015 for all evangelization related participants. Bishop Vigneron will be celebrating this mass at the Cathedral. Invitations to follow.
- **Reunion:** The plans for the ChristLife Potluck Reunion of all the 2014 and 2015 ChristLife participants has been tabled until Carol and Jane can investigate dates that would not be in conflict with other church events.
- **Parish Mission:** The Parish Mission with Fr. Ben Ludetke is planned for March 5-9, 2016. An outline and some information regarding this event was passed out at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Special evangelization meetings moving forward:** We are planning to dedicate one future meeting where we will arrange for at least one member of each major parish organizational group (especially the Worship Commission and the Church Council) to be present. We will present our methodology for sharing the Gospel Story to them, and to ask that they focus at least some part of every event that they plan to contain a gospel message as a basis for doing it. A second meeting will be dedicated to refresh us on evangelization techniques based on the SPSE workbook to further sharpen our skills. Deacon Ken also suggested a meeting with content regarding the power of intercessory prayer.
- Kathleen shared an idea that she used while visiting a hospital gift shop. She had some evangelization materials that she left at the shop for free distribution as an effort to reach people in a location where they are likely in need of some divine assistance.

Our meeting ended at 8:12 pm with prayer.

Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 19th, 2015,

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Nagrant