



Immaculate Conception Parish Council April Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2014
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: Parish Hall

Member Name	Present	Absent	Position
Fr. Joe Esper	X		Pastor
Deacon Ken Nowicki	X		Evangelization Rep.
Nicole Tomaszynski	X		Chairperson
Bill Gilmore	X		Vice Chair
Pat McGrath	X		Council Member
Kathleen Grimm		X	Council Member, VPC Rep.
Lori Stefani		X	Council Member
Bob Tharrett	X		Council Member
Tom Dunn	X		Council Member
Ted Stawiasz	X		Council Member
Mary Kot	X		Worship Representative
Anni Adkins		X	Council Member
		X	Long Term Planning Rep. (Rotational)
		X	Christian Service Rep.

Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:20 PM

Minutes of the March 4, 2014 meeting were approved with no changes.

PASTORS REPORT:

- A follow-up meeting to the parish fundraising meeting of last December was held two weeks ago on March 18; several ideas were discussed, and volunteers were recruited to help implement some of them, including a Sports Night fundraiser on Thursday, May 29.
- The loose change collection resumed this past weekend and while there are still some issues to work out, the process went smoothly enough; having the ushers take it during the time of the announcements seems quite workable.
- This year's Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) begins in another month; the Archbishop's CSA tape will be played on the weekend of April 26-27. In terms of last year's CSA, we exceeded our target by about \$6,000 (which is very impressive considering the overlap with *Changing Lives Together*); in terms of the amount actually paid, we're still about \$600 short.
- By my count, this current school year we had a total of eleven snow days (which includes an ice day and several polar vortex days). So far it seems we will not have to make any of them up, though we're still awaiting official word from the Archdiocesan Schools Office.
- The last day of Faith Formation will be Monday May 5.
- Here in the Archdiocese we now have a newly-formed Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM), a merging of the former Catholic Social Services in five of the six counties. (The Archdiocese has a separate agreement with Community Social Services of Wayne County.) CCSEM will cover such things as adoption and foster care, individual and family counseling, senior support programs, refugee

resettlement, and Hispanic outreach; also, CCSEM will continue conducting such ongoing projects such as Project Hope (free supportive services to pregnant women and families of young children), a back-to-school drive, the Christmas giving program, and a winter coat drive. A collection for CCSEM will take place each November, replacing the former collection for the Campaign for Human Development (thereby keeping the funds raised here in our own local community).

- An insert in this past Sunday's bulletin explains why the overturning of our state's constitutional ban on same-sex "marriage" is bad news for Michigan. This coming Sunday, my column will give seven reasons why same-sex "marriage" is morally wrong and destructive of society. Also, the vicar's column in this month's vicariate newsletter (which will be inserted in this week's bulletin) further addresses this issue.
- The day after Ash Wednesday, I was the speaker at the first talk of the Lenten Soup Supper and presentation series at St. Mary Queen of Creation in New Baltimore. My presentation was on "Praying Simply and Powerfully." Anyone interested in the subject will find it on our parish website.
- As you know, Fr. Nick Zukowski will be leaving Queen of Creation after 21 years there (and going to St. Martin de Porres in Warren). A new pastor has been assigned: Fr. Charles White. This assignment will presumably begin on July 1.
- Fr. Joe Horn's term as vicar of the Blue Water Vicariate is coming to an end. I am one of two nominees to replace him (the other being Fr. Brian Cokonougher of Holy Trinity in Port Huron). All the priests of the Archdiocese will vote for a vicar in all sixteen vicariates, not just their own; this election will happen some time in the next month or so.

FINANCE COUNCIL: - No minutes provided – no representative.

Additional comments:

- Fr. Joe noted that they did not have a recent meeting as the budget was not complete, they are scheduled to meet at the end of April.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Worship Commission –March meeting minutes provided - Fr. Joe and Mary Kot reported.

Additional comments:

- The ushers are working on a mission statement and a handbook of rules and responsibilities.
- Research continues on the crown for the Mary statue.
- The electronic votive candles are on hold.
- Additional handicap seating in church will be discussed at the next Long Term Planning meeting.
- A review session for lectors and Eucharistic ministers was held on Tuesday March 11, including a discussion of some basic procedures, and a distribution of official booklets of guidelines from the Archdiocese. The materials were afterwards mailed to those unable to attend the session.
- The RCIA scrutinies have been taking place at different weekend Masses during Lent; the final one will be this Sunday at 12 noon.
- The first of our vicariate Communal Penance Services will be held tomorrow, Wednesday April 2, at 7 PM at St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish.
- The full schedule for Holy Week evens and liturgies (including Confessions) will be in my bulletin column for Palm Sunday, April 13.
- On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, Popes John XXIII and John Paul II will be canonized in Rome. Here Deacon Ken will be leading our Divine Mercy Service at 2 PM; in preparation for the feast, there will be extra confessions times that Friday and Saturday.
- Bishop Cepeda will be here for Confirmation on Wednesday April 30 at 6 PM; we have almost 60 young people being confirmed.
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- We will be hosting a Blue Water vicariate Healing Mass on Friday, May 9 at 7 PM.

Christian Service Commission – March meeting minutes provided – no representative.

Education Commission – March meeting minutes provided – no representative.

Long Term Planning (LTP) – No March meeting minutes – no representative.

Additional comments from Fr. Joe:

- As stated earlier LTP will be discussing handicap seating, and handicap parking.
- The upstairs bathroom in the rectory is being remodeled with the demolition being done by members of the Long Term Planning committee. Work is progressing.

VICARIATE PASTORAL COUNCIL (VPC) – No March minutes – no representative.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Changing Lives Together – No report submitted.

Additional comments:

- We have collected 38% of our goal over the first year of our program. We are pledged at 92% of our target.

Evangelization – No report submitted.

Additional comments:

- The ChristLife program is well into the second session Following Christ; it is going very well.
- Deacon Ken is hoping at some point to begin an Evangelization Committee here at Immaculate Conception.

Festival Committee – No report submitted.

NEW BUSINESS: - None

OLD BUSINESS: - None

OPEN FORUM:

- A member of the council suggested that the coin collection needs to have an end point. He felt it was ill-advised for it to go on indefinitely. Fr. Joe assured all that it will most definitely have an end; although we do not know at this time when that will be.
- A member of council wondered if we could make accommodations for the deaf at our Masses. He will look into the technology available and the cost associated.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8 PM

Next Meeting: May 6, 2014 following the 6:30 PM Mass.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Amy O’Gara, Recording Secretary

WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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Immaculate Conception -Education Commission
Un-approved minutes
March 4, 2014

Present: Nicole Tomaszewski, Tina Kovalcik, Bob, Mueller

Excused: Randy Proctor, Pat Phelan

Absent: Andrea Tripicchio, Megan Weins (Youth Ministry Rep)

Opening Prayer: Tina

Reporting from Council

- Response to Council questions: Vicariate parishes do share information at the VPC meetings if information is brought. Attendance has been low.
- Question: could the school brag more about school activities and positive test scores to help promote catholic education. Our intent is to bridge the gap between parish & school.
- Repairs to gym - status

Faith Formation:

- Christian Parenting component is in place. In May we will be inviting parents from the last 5 years who have had their baby's baptized.
- First Eucharist potluck family day is March 23.
- Lenten Penance Service will be March 10th for faith formation students and March 25 for school students.
- Confirmation is April 30 We have 58 candidates
- First Communion is May 5 we have 48 candidates
- IC School Open House went well per Tina. We need to get a school rep to attend Education Commission meetings.
- Christ Life has 165 attending. Discovering Christ session has ended and we will begin Following Christ on March 13th. Suggestion: Can we ask the group what are the needs of the people for educational programming. What would they like to know about or see.
- Tina - Write another bulletin article to promote Education Commission

Youth Ministry

- No Report

IC School

- No Report
- **New Business:**
- We will be researching a speaker regarding "Three Days: The Search for the Boy Messiah" to see if we would like to bring him here to IC to give a talk.
- Laura & Ray Smogy would like to begin a Middle School Youth Group. They would like to use the "Edge" program. Tina to meet with Laura & Ray. They have used this program at St. Edwards in Lakeport in the past. Reference letter was shared with the Education Commission.

Next meeting: TBD

Submitted by Tina Kovalcik

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL

CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 13, 2014

OPENED WITH A PRAYER

ATTENDANCE: 4 MEMBERS PRESENT

ROSARY MAKERS WILL MEET AFTER 10 MASS

FUNERAL LUNCH – ONE FUNERAL LUNCH

COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY – MARCH 16TH AFTER ALL MASSES

ST. JOSEPH LAYETTE – ENDS MARCH 16TH – WILL SORT ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 19TH

AT 9 AM IN PARISH HALL

BLOOD DRIVE – WILL BE SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH FROM 8 AM TO 2 PM IN PARISH HALL – KARILYN FEHLMAN

WILL DO THE CALLING – LISA DIMAGGIO WILL HELP

NEW BUSINESS:

VICARIATE CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEETING – WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH AT 10 AM AT

HOLY FAMILY PARISH IN MEMPHIS

NEXT MONTH WE NOT HAVE A CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEETING BUT THERE WILL BE COFFEE/DONUTS

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH

THERE WILL BE A FUNDRAISER MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH AFTER THE 6:30 PM MASS IN THE

PARISH HALL - EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

OTHER: NOTHING TO REPORT

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Attendance:

Cardinal Mooney – Ruth Cunnings

Holy Family –

Holy Trinity – Marsha Hicks, Lucy
Sebastian,

Immaculate Conception – Kathleen
Grimm

Our Lady On the River – Mary-Margaret
Tiano, Roberta (Bobbie) Ivan, Sandy
McNeely (visitor)

St. Augustine – Gerard Szczerbinski,

St. Christopher – Carol Kliemann (visitor),

St. Edward on the Lake

St. Mary, St. Clair – Tim Zobl, Kathy Stocki

St. Mary, Port Huron – Tony Paladino,

Karen Gamalski, Deacon Tim

Maxwell(visitor)

St. Mary, QOC – Larry Mavis

APC – Kym Nummer

Christian Service – Marlene Brown

D R E – Pat Isacson

Principal –

Youth Ministry –

AOD Facilitator - Deacon. Bill Kolarik

Vicar – Fr. Joe Horn

Vicar Secretary – Catherine Wullaert

AOD Regional Coordinator of

Evangelization - Kathleen Lindemann

Visitors: Joseph Nofs,

Excused: Randy Husaynu, Mary Paquette

Meeting started at 7:14 PM

Opened with prayer

Review / Approval: Minutes approved by consensus

Pat Isacson

Presented the Bible School

- Started 4 years ago
- 386 students currently enrolled
- 16 classes 13 locations
- Top Notch – education
- Intensive study focus on scripture and works on applying on everyday life
- Classes will be offered starting in the Fall of 2014 at Holy Family
- 1 Day of week
- 2 hours of homework
- All instructors have Master's degree
- \$550 a year plus book
- There are scholarships
- Credits can apply from Seminary (at an increase fee and additional tests) applies for college credit
- There are going to be a series of information nights at Holy Family
- This study covers the entire bible
- There is small group and you stay with that group throughout
- Her personal input

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- Can't say enough about the classes
- Has learned so much
- Has enhanced her walk with God much closer

Requested by the Vicariate:

- Clarity of the cost factors, especially in regards to applying this as a college credit through Sacred Heart Ministry
- Information as to if the college credits can they be applied to graduate level or only to an undergraduate level

Vicar's Report

- Presbyteral Council spent much time on the closed buildings
 - Looked at various properties
- How do we deal with funding in regards to Charter Schools
 - Monies were used to buy Power School
 - There are some bumps in the road with it but it is a work in progress.
- Ownership Committee
 - How are we going to sell this to all the Pastor
 - It looks like it will be a regional restructure of the Catholic School
 - Support for schools will be obtained from a percentage of the Parishes income. First year 1%, second year 2%.... and will be capped at 5%.
- There is no decision yet made regarding Holy Cross School
 - There has been a decision to help the school.
 - Holy Cross is looking at various fundraisers opportunities to sustain the school
 - It is being looked at as if Holy Cross closes how will that affect Cardinal Mooney
 - More positive publication regarding Holy Cross needs to be put out there
 - This will likely help assist with sparking peoples interests to help
 - More information needs to be communicated to those of the parishes of the Vicariate so that it can be promoted throughout the Vicariate
 - Need to request a Principal representative to attend the Vicariate Council
 - The Vicariate can draw up something regarding their concerns to request assistance from the Archbishop
 - The May **Drift**, (vicariate newsletter) issue, is being dedicated to the schools of the Vicariate so that they can promote Catholic Schools
 - Looking at doing this twice a year

DRE

- Presented budge for DRE's to the Vicariate for approval
- DRE's visited what Parishes are doing the Christ Life series
 - Many parishes in the Vicariate are running the program
 - The feedback is that the programs are successful and well attended
 - There is a lot of good reviews regarding the program.
- Matthew Kelly
 - There is a new Confirmation Program that is available for free
 - Thus far there has not been discussion regarding a review on the Confirmation program among the DRE's

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- It is suggested to order the Confirmation program, even if you do not want to use it entirely
 - Incorporate the parts of the Matthew Kelly Confirmation program that works with your current Confirmation program
- WIND
 - For 7th – 12th grade youth
 - Being hosted at St. Mary's in Port Huron
 - November 8th
- DRE meetings are being well attended
 - Next meeting is May 15 @ St. Stephens
- The DRE's were discussing and planning a Vicariate Event about discernment
 - Postponed until more information can be put together with sound plans to be presented to the Vicariate Council.

APC

- Report submitted:

APC Meeting Report
Submitted by Kym Nummer
Meeting Date March 10th 2014

The Archbishop opened his remarks with gratitude to the fullness of the Cathedral for the rite of accepting those who wish to join the Catholic Church this past weekend.

New Evangelization/ new Pentecost:

This is a 5 year plan to change the culture of our Diocese. Every work, every deed should be done to further the Mission of the Church which is creating Disciples.

- The Year of Prayer has started: Ash Wednesday and will go to Easter 2015
- The second year will be a Year of Formation: directed to all groups, The AoD, the parish, the priest, Eucharistic ministers, families teaching them what evangelization is.
- The third year the a Synod will be held to gather all the information that the Holy Spirit has provided to those in prayer and formation and a plan will be developed.
- The 4th and 5th years will be for follow up and implementation of the plan.

Catholic Social Charities: Next week the Archbishop will be sending out a communication about the shift in change from Catholic Social Charities to **Catholic Charities**. The shift will include direct services like adoption, marriage counseling, foster care as well as providing support for Christian Services in Parishes, and lastly to connect information and resources within the AoD.

After the Archbishop's report the APC discussed the **Implementation of the Pastoral Priorities by**

Region: Currently there is no link between APC and VPC. They are working at assigning a staff person for each mission priority and each region, as well as the regional coordinators and Bishops. A software program, Smartsheet will make tracking each region and vicariate easier is hoped to be demoed in June.

Survey of the Faithful: All 41,200 surveys results have been updated, all Parishes were represented. A survey report will go out next month, and each Parish will be sent a report.

Some overall results:

- Things your Parish does well:
 1. Evangelization-Adult Faith Formation
 2. Prayers for healing reconciliation
 3. Maintaining Catholic Schools
- Things that rated poor:
 1. Reaching out to inactive/non Catholics
 2. Engaging youth and young adults
- Parishioners are looking for:
 1. Quality worship-91%
 2. Church teachings-71%
 3. Convenient Mass Schedules-71%

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- Communication received by:
 1. Bulletin
 2. Vicariate Newsletter
 3. AOD Social media and Website

Christian Service

Marlene Brown

- Christian Service is requesting a budget from the Vicariate for Christian Service
 - Christian Service was instructed to submit a budget for approval
- Christian service is looking to support and for support to further the assistance that has been offered those who have =e Sacred Heart Rehab Center with hygiene packages
 - Many of the parishes that have been approached regarding assisting have some issues and questions regarding if the Vicariate is behind this ministry
 - The cost of the packet is \$1500 per month
 - Looking to the Vicariate and Vicariate parishes to support this ministry
 - 300 patients are released from Sacred Heart each month
 - Seeking funding, packaging, storage.....
- Seeking a letter from the Vicar addressing all the Parish Priest of the Vicariate expressing the Vicariate Council's support in this ministry to Sacred Heart Rehab
 - Requested if this letter could also be addressed and sent to all the Parish Council Chairpersons so that they can discuss at their parish council meetings
 - It was recommended that this letter also be sent to the Knight of Columbus councils of the Vicariate

Evangelization –

- Working on reviewing the Together in Faith Mission Priorities for the Vicariate
 - Reviewing the Goals and Objectives
 - Are they being met
 - Is there a need to change them
 - Looking at possible new goals
- May 9th is the next Vicariate Healing Mass which will be held at Immaculate Conception
 - Intercessory prayer
 - Mass at 7 pm with Anointing of the Sick
 - Praise and Worship
 - Confessions being offered starting at 6:30
 - Exposition after Mass

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Principle - no one present; no report submitted
Appears there is no representative at this time.
Council needs to seek representative.

Youth Ministry No one present – Randy Husaynu excused from meeting

Right to Life – no one present: no report submitted

Jail Ministry

Budget submitted

4 replacement ministers have been cleared for ministry

Female population is being seen and ministered to

No Priest have been cleared for the Female population-working on getting another priest on board to visit the prison

This will be brought up at the next Clergy meeting

Looking at the associate pastors as well

AOD Representative:

Evangelization - Kathleen Lindemann

- June 12 AOD is sponsoring a Rebuilt Conference
 - 9 am Mass and the program will run from 10 am – 3 pm
 - Cost is not known yet
 - St. Paul Albanian Church in Rochester
 - Flyer is currently under construction and should be out soon
- Sept 12 -13 there will be A Christ Life Training;
 - Dave Nodaer is being brought in to do training at SS. Cyril & Methodius to train facilitators for the Christ Life program
- May 29 – June 1st, there is a men's retreat @ St. Mary's retreat house in
- Deacon Bill and Kathleen are putting together a workshop for Evangelization which would be for the entire parish
 - This will be an interactive workshop
 - This workshop will be during the week in the evening for 2 hours and run for 3 weeks
 - It will start with a meal
- Looked at the Together in Faith Goals and Objectives
 - Adopt a format link specific strategies and meeting goal with action plans
- Healing Mass
 - Last one in November
 - Next one May 9th at I.C.

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- Highly recommended to attend
- Obtained a publicist
 - Joseph Nofs and his team has offered their services
 - Looking at having this on the Evangelization budge
 - This needs to be submitted to the Vicariate in their budget request

Together In Faith: Deacon Bill Kolarik

- There is been a lot of work on addressing many issues of the Catholic Schools and they have been and are being analyzed. Work is being done to strength the Catholic Schools
 - Schools have to be able to sustain itself
 - Catholic Schools issues are complex issue and there are many variables involve
- Working on reviewing the goals of the Mission Priorities with the Evangelization group

New Business:

- Gerard is asking the Vicariate to look for someone to take the Chairperson for the Vicariate Council for next year since his term will be up in June
 - Council Member terms will be up for various members
 - Those whose terms will be up were asked to take this back to their own Parish Councils and seek representatives for the Blue Water Vicariate Council
 - In June there will be elections to vote in Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
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OPEN FORUM

"Training Leadership ort Emergency celebrations"

April 30th @

Held at St. Augustine's

Sign up online on the AOD website

Faustina: Message of Divine Mercy

May 14 @ 7 pm,

Held at Holy Family Parish

Free Will offering: Call if you are coming so enough seats can be set up

"How to share your Faith" presented by Terry Barber

April 27th 1pm – 3 pm

St Christopher Church

Divine Mercy Celebrations

April 27th 2 pm – 4 pm

St. Mary's in St. Clair

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April 27th 3pm – 5 pm
Holy Family Parish

Catholic Legacy of Michigan

- Last coorespondance regarding the Catholic commercials was September 20, 2013
- Have not seen the commercials yet
- Fr. Joe and Lucy Sebastian are going to contact them for the status

Next Meeting: May 14th 5:30 PM @ Holy Family

Due to the “Faustina: Message of Divine Mercy” being on the same day as the next meeting the Vicariate Council agreed to meet at 5:30 pm to review and work on the Vicariate’s mission priorities, goals and objectives.

Hospitality: St. Christopher

**Will not be responsible for hospitality at the next meeting.
Pizza will be provided by the Vicariate**

Meeting closed with prayer at 9:20 pm

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St. Clair County Jail Ministry up-date (April 2014):

1. Ray and Mary Smogy have retired from the jail ministry after 30 years of faithful service.
2. To date we have 4 replacement ministers cleared for service within the facility
 - a. John Kowalski- Emmit
 - b. Gisela Koknor – St. Mary PH
 - c. Robert Weaver- St. Mary PH
 - d. Monika Weaver – St. Mary PH
3. The female population is now being seen by the lay ministers and the deacons. This follows the services with the male inmates.

Action items:

1. Approval of a line item in the Vicariate budget for this ministry (suggested budget below)

Proposed Budge requirements for Vicariate Jail Ministry- St. Clair County Jail				
Item Description	Description	Price/ unit	Qt	Total
Bibles - Eng	New American Bible (NABRE) Autom # 41126ROV	\$3.99	80	\$319.20
Bibles- Spanish	Dios Habla Hoy (Good News) Autom # NS 51	\$8.95	40	\$358.00
Seasonal Missalettes	Celebremos/ Let Us Celebrate 1yr subscription WLP # 006504	\$4.92	50	\$246.00
Newsprint	Michigan Catholic 1 yr subscription	\$24.00	15	\$360.00
Subtotal:				\$1,283.20
one time start up	Roman Missal Chapel Ed LTP # 978-1-56854-990-3	\$120.00	1	\$120.00
Total:				\$2,686.40
Submitted on April 9 th to the Blue Water Vicariate				

From Pat Isacson 4-14-14:

Regarding the Credits for the Bible School

The full year was 4 credits total...must be that it covers two semesters which makes sense seeing that it runs the whole year. This year the Seminary is running at about \$397 a credit hour so times that by 4 and that is about \$1,588.00 a year.

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Christian Service Proposed Vicariate Budget 2014-2015

Blue Water Vicariate Christian Service

Income: **\$0.00**

Expenses:

300 hygiene packets for Sacred Heart Rehabilitation per month which includes: towel, wash cloth, toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, shampoo/body wash, comb, deodorant, Ziploc bag, and women's hygiene products in ½ the packets.

300 packets at approximately \$4.70 each = **\$1410.00**

If each parish takes one month there are two months not covered.

To cover two months not assigned to a specific parish **\$2820.00**

Total Request: **\$2820.00**



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday April 8, 2014 –Un-Approved

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

Call to Order / Opening Prayer

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

Fr. Joe led the group in an opening prayer

Meeting Notes from the February 18 were reviewed by all present and approved.

Church Repair Update:

- Doors
 - Robert C. has a Bilco Style door he removed on a project but needs to check to make sure it is the right size. He will update the committee by the next meeting.
 - Replacement of the man door to the church basement on hold until size can be verified. Bob D. to follow up.
- Painting:
 - The floor project will be postponed until the spring.
 - Outside painting including the steeple to be postponed until spring.
 - George has set up a meeting with Detroit Spectrum on April 16th to discuss the remaining painting projects.
 - Jim H. looked at the approx. lift height- 72'-0" from ground with boom extended.
 - Detroit Spectrum to verify requirement should I.C. decide to provide the lift..
 - Outside doors to be refaced by Joe Whitenight & Pat Clancy when the weather is right.
- Roof Drains:
 - American Spirit will complete the balance in the spring
- Votive Candle Smoke:
 - Walls inside Votive Candle hood are getting ruined due to the candle smoke as well as the picture above the stand.
 - Ed Ross has solicited prices to use electric candles in lieu of wax. Price not available at this meeting.
 - Bob D. will look at the existing ventilation hood or update the existing along with contacting Andy Kelly to suggest better arrangement to remove the smoke.
 - Suggestions were to add a wind operated vent cap on the existing pipe or a fan inside vent pipe.

Changing Lives Together Update:

- Goal \$ 559,383.00
- Pledges/Gifts: 387 – 28% of parishioners participating
- Pledge Total: \$519,713.99
- Short of Goal \$ 39,669.01

Gymnasium Update:

- Still waiting on new drain system to see if it has stopped the wicking up the wall.
- The suggestion to core drill the wall which would be easier to see the flashing style used in the wall still in planning. Further review on this is needed.
- HVAC repairs or replacement still need to be addressed in final recommendations along with projected cost as well as evaluating the use of fans in the ceiling. Jeff Wooten working on quotes.
- Bob D. to get with Anthony Smerek to quote the fan project.
- Covers are required to put over the light switches to avoid them being accidentally turned off during gym use. Bob D. to look at adding a protecting shroud over them.
- Jim H. has contacted the National Masonry Wall Association for recommendations on repairing the walls. Waiting on reply.
- Further investigation is being done also on the use of Tnemec Industrial Coatings for the wall treatment.

Handicap Parking:

- Recommendations from the committee are to make 5 of the 6 parking spots on Church Road Handicap along with 2 additional ones by the hall.
- The Knights of Columbus has a parking lot stripping machine to freshen up the lines in the parking lots as well as change the areas to Handicap. Jim M. to look for a Handicap template for painting on the ground. Timing of this work to be discussed in future meetings.
- Discussion with in the parish has begun on adding additional wheel chair areas &/or handicap spots in church. Father would entertain trying a few new areas on an incremental basis to see if it is needed. Recommendations on areas to investigate should be sent to the committee.

School Update:

- The additional cameras around school have been completed.
- **Entry doors should be the next school building priority.**
- Cross Company had looked at the basic change to make them all operational. Waiting to review quote.
- Bob D. to look at applying heat to the east entry door slab to see if he could get it to settle back to its original location.
- Robert C. recommends removing slab and adding a frost pad under it that spot as well as by the parish office where the winter has raised the concrete. Quotes required.
- The milk cooler in the cafeteria should be moved to a permanent location. Bob D. to work with the school lunch team to find a good stop to avoid having to unplug it to use the area.

Rectory:

- Bob D. reported the bathroom is nearing completion. Should be done by weeks end (4/12/14)
- The balance of the rectory still in bad shape. Further areas in need of repair to be reviewed as they arise.

M-29 Road Work:

- Bob D. will contact outside consultants to inspect the rectory foundation prior to & after the road work to determine the long term effect.
- During road work in 2001 the rectory & church had massive amount of dust in the buildings. Ways to minimize this should be discussed at further meetings.
- Pam M. had contacted MDOT to get information on the road expansion. She provided the Road Commission George's contact numbers if they need information on the parish concerns.

Parish council Representative:

- Pam M. will represent the LPTC at the parish council meeting May 6.

Open discussion:

- Wall with the pastor picture should be updated. Fr. Joe believes he has a picture of himself of the right size available to be frames. Jim M. to look into this item.
- Hall kitchen should have a deep cleaning to remove the odor & soiled areas from the fish fry preparation. George E. has used a company at his parish & will look at getting a quote.
- George E. distributed a list of projects initiated or accomplished since 2012 for review. Any additional items should be sent to him.
- Finance council meeting April 28.

Next Meeting: May 27 @ 7:15. Location: Parish Hall.

Meeting Adjourn and Closing Prayer at 9:00

Dear Parish Council Members,

Peace be with you.

Deacon Dennis Crimmins from Holy Trinity approached me late last October to begin a ministry at Sacred Heart Rehabilitation (drug and alcohol addiction) in Richmond Township. Deacon Dennis serves through providing Scripture Services at Sacred Heart. He wanted to provide the individuals with a hygiene packet when they left the facility. Three quarter of the clients are homeless. Sacred Heart finds a shelter for these individuals when they leave the program. Sacred Heart receives clients from all over the state and they are placed wherever a shelter can be found. These homeless individuals carry all their belongings in a single bag. Fr. Joe Horn, pastor at Holy Family in Memphis and Vicar of the Blue Water Vicariate, is in strong support of this project. He spoke about this ministry with the priests at their February Vicariate meeting and the idea has been presented to the Blue Water Vicariate. All are in support of this cause. Fr. Joe and the Vicariate decided that each church should secure the funds and provide the packets for one month. Each church would be asked to do this once every ten months. Holy Family has already supplied the packets for one month. 300 packets are needed monthly. Each packet includes:

1. Hand towel
2. Wash cloth
3. Toothpaste
4. Toothbrush
5. Floss
6. Shampoo/body soap
7. Deodorant
8. Comb
9. Ziploc bag
10. Prayer card
11. The women's packets included 10 tampons

The cost is approximately \$1400.00

Some ideas to raise funds are:

1. To ask your Knights of Columbus Councils or other organizations for a donation
2. Get Religious Education Classes to sponsor some type of giving
3. Catholic School children could pay an amount to not wear their uniform
4. Take up a special collection
5. Sponsor a spaghetti dinner or breakfast
6. Car wash

At a recent Christian Service meeting a sample packet and information regarding where the supplies were purchased was given to the CS coordinators.

I personally feel this project is something that God has called us to do. I hope you will be in support of this endeavor and do all you can to see it succeed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me @ (586)727-1696 or via email @loren_marlene@yahoo.com.

God Bless,

Marlene Brown
Christian Service Coordinator