



Immaculate Conception Parish Council May Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 5, 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)
Ted Stawiasz tstawiasz@aol.com		X	Council Member (Term 1, Year 3)
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)
Dawn Sikowski dmsikowski@hotmail.com	X		Council Member (Term 1, Year 1)
Mary Kot skippykot@comcast.net		X	Worship Representative
JoAnn Augustine Jaugustine30@comcast.net	X		Christian Service Rep.
		X	Long Term Planning Rep.

Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:16 PM

Minutes of the April, 2015 meeting were approved with no changes.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- The school accreditation site visit took place last week. The written evaluation of the site committee hasn't yet been sent to us, but the verbal comments of the committee members were very favorable.
- Our school's spring musical, "Peter Pan," will be presented these next two evenings (Tuesday & Wednesday) at 7pm at Algonquin Middle School in Algonac; the students have been working very hard in preparation.
- The Finance Council will be meeting this coming Monday evening for the final review and approval of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. (It's due at the Archdiocese on May 15.)
- The calendar meeting, involving the parish staff, will take place on Tuesday May 19; once all parish, school, and faith formation activities have been officially scheduled, other parish groups will be able to reserve the use of our facilities for particular meetings and events.
- Memorial Day will be observed Monday May 25; the following day the summer schedule begins (i.e., office hours will be shortened by one hour in the afternoon and there will be a Communion Service instead of Mass on Wednesdays).
- The Financial Peace series will again be offered on Sunday evenings this summer; the facilitating couple will make a brief announcement about this program at all the Masses on the weekend of May 30-31.
- Many thanks to everyone for the birthday card and gift I received from the Parish Council.

FINANCE COUNCIL:

- This coming Monday the budget is due to the Archdiocese.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Worship Commission – Fr. Joe reported

- The Holy Week liturgies were beautiful and fairly well-attended, and the Good Friday schedule worked out very well. Also, the choir and musicians did an outstanding job.
- About 55 people attended the Divine Mercy Sunday prayer service.
- The Confirmation Mass was held on Thursday April 23 (with Bishop Byrnes presiding), and the First Communion Masses took place this past Saturday.
- The parish May Crowning ceremony was held this past Sunday after the 10am Mass; the school's May Crowning ceremony will take place this Friday.
- There will be a Mother's Day blessing at all the Masses this weekend.
- The Confirmation enrollment ceremony for our current 7th graders will be held at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday May 17.
- The next Mass of Reparation will take place on Monday May 18 at 7pm.
- The annual Graduates' Mass for all our graduating high school seniors will be held at 10am on Sunday June 7th.

Christian Service Commission – Minutes attached.

Education Commission – Laura Somogy reported – minutes attached.

Long Term Planning – No meeting.

Vicariate Pastoral Council (VPC) – Kathleen Grimm reported – no minutes.

Additional Notes:

- Blue Water Vicariate budget set.
- Rebuilt / Unbound – Books for recommend reading by VPC.

Evangelization – Kathleen Grimm reported - minutes attached.

Additional Notes:

- Evangelization will have representatives at our Family Fun & Perch Festival handing out information from St. Paul Street Evangelization.
- For our festival dinners, Evangelization Committee will provide several styles of placemats with an evangelization message on them and table toppers with a pre-meal prayer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Stewardship Commission
 - Based on the two information and recruiting meetings we've had so far, there seems to be enough interest and support to reestablish the Commission
 - Contrary to the list of responsibilities suggested by the Archdiocese, the Commission will not have any direct role in running the parish CSA campaign; instead, the focus will be on promoting a culture of stewardship within the parish.
 - The next meeting will be held on Monday June 1, and will be devoted to setting priorities for the Commission. Some possibilities include (1) preparing for the Festival of Ministries in the fall; (2)

conducting on outreach to inactive parishioners; and (3) becoming aware of various stewardship materials (booklets, brochures, etc.), and evaluating them in terms of possible use in our parish.

OLD BUSINESS:

- CSA:
 - We have finally reached our quota for *last* year (though a few pledges are still to be paid).
 - The Archbishop's CSA tape was played at all the Masses on the weekend of April 25-26.
 - Our target for this coming year is \$76,288 (an increase of \$5,254 from last year's target of \$71,034).
 - Our CSA mailing has gone out, consisting of a letter from me, the CSA brochure from the Archdiocese, and a donation envelope.
- Parish Mission:
 - We have basic information about the Mission, along with some possible titles and themes.

OPEN FORUM:

- It was suggested that the Rosary is the way to fight terrorism in the Middle East.
- Someone suggested the Dinner and a Movie Night might like to check into "Old Fashioned" it is not specifically a religious themed movie but has good moral views.
- The next Parish Council meeting will be followed by a Pot Luck, family members are welcome.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:17 PM.

Next Meeting: September 6, 2015 following the 6:30 PM Mass

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Amy O'Gara, Recording Secretary