



Immaculate Conception Parish Council September Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 1, 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 2, Year 1)
Kathleen Grimm kagrimm@comcast.net	X		Council Member (Term 1, Year 3)
Bob Tharrett bobfarming@yahoo.com	X		Council Member, Vice-Chair (Term 2, Year 1)
Ted Stawiasz tstawiasz@aol.com	X		Council Member (Term 2, Year 1)
Anni Adkins Polock145@msn.com	X		Council Member (Term 1, Year 3)
Steve Boutorwick scboutorwick@yahoo.com		X	Council Member (Term 1, Year 3)
Dawn Sikowski dmsikowski@hotmail.com	X		Council Member (Term 1, Year 3)
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 7:20 PM

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

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- As you know, our long-time Faith Formation director and pastoral associate Jane Mount retired this past summer, with Tina Kovalcik now taking over both roles; a retirement reception for Jane was held at the end of June.
- The parish festival was successful, with good weather, a good turn-out, and several popular new events (such as the Classic Car show). Many thanks to everyone who helped make it a success.
- My summer adult education series, "An Introduction to the Gospels," was fairly well-attended (with about 40 or more persons at each session).
- A Cemetery Committee has been formed to address various issues regarding our cemetery; the first meeting was held on Tuesday June 16. After the vandalism that occurred at the end of May, two young men were arrested and charged. (Sadly, a similar event recently occurred at a cemetery in Oakland County.) We're grateful to everyone who, in any way, took part in the repair and restoration process at the cemetery.
- School began with a half-day yesterday; today was the first full day of school. Our current enrollment is 157 (27 preschool, and 124 in K-8); this is a bit lower than we had hoped for, but it's still possible we'll have some additional students register. Class sizes range from a high of 24 in 7th grade to a low of 9 in kindergarten.
- Faith formation classes will begin on Monday October 5.
- Christlife resumes on Thursday September 17, and will conclude with the retreat on Saturday October 24.
- The Cardinal Mooney sports program will be holding a pancake breakfast here as a fundraiser on Sunday September 13 in the parish hall.
- Catholic author and alleged visionary John Leary will once again be here to speak on Sunday September 20, following a Rosary to be said after the 12 noon Mass.
- The annual Tasefest will be held in the school gymnasium on the evening of Saturday September 26.

- I will be attending the every-other-year Priests' Convocation in Boyne Highlands from the evening of Sunday September 13 through Thursday September 17; this is an opportunity for Archbishop Vigneron to gather with the priests of the Archdiocese for study, discussion, prayer, and relaxation. While I'm away, deacon Ken will conduct communion Services on Monday-Thursday.
- On the weekend of October 17-18, a priest from Cross Catholic International will speak at all the Masses; he will invite parishioners to consider assisting in this outreach, though no second collection will be taken. His presence will allow me to attend the annual Marian Conference that weekend.
- An apostolate or organization called Catholic Legacy has produces several 15-minute videos regarding the mission and activities of the Church here in southeast Michigan; these are aired on local TV at various times, and several new episodes are in production. It's possible our school may be featured as part of one of these new programs (though details have not yet been worked out).
- One of our Eagle Scout parishioners, Keegan Wooten, will be repairing and restoring our long-neglected baseball diamond as his Eagle Scout project (though it may be relocated from its present location).
- It's been over four years since the parish last had a Festival of Ministries, so this event will again take place on the weekend of November 7-8, sponsored by the Stewardship Commission.
- Our parishioner David Tomaszynski will be ordained a deacon in Rome at the beginning of October. There's a possibility he may be briefly and unofficially "assigned" to our parish at the Christmas break, though that hasn't been determined yet. His priestly ordination is tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 14 at Blessing Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit, in which case his first Mass will be celebrated here at I.C. the following day – but again, the details haven't yet been worked out.
- Lastly, at next month's Parish council meeting, Tuesday October 6, there will be a presentation on evangelization, with a speaker from the Archdiocese; members of all the commissions will be invited to attend.

FINANCE COUNCIL – no report – no minutes.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Worship Commission – Fr. Joe reported – no minutes.

- Mass on Labor Day, Monday September 7, will be at 9am.
- The school Masses resume on Friday September 11.
- The next Mass of Reparation will be Monday September 21; attendance at last month's Mass was the largest we've had (with almost 100 people present).
- Training for new altar servers will begin on Saturday September 26, with an installation ceremony on the weekend of October 10-11.
- The annual pet blessing ceremony will be held at 2pm on Friday October 2.
- That same evening, a vicariate Healing Mass will be held at 7pm at St. Stephen Church in Port Huron.
- November 2, the Feast of All Souls, falls on a Monday this year. The annual Memorial Mass for deceased parishioners will be held at 7 o'clock that evening.

Stewardship Commission – Anni Adkins reported – minutes attached.

- Pam Mertes - Chair
- Pat Baldes – Vice-Chair
- Daisy Paluch – Secretary (until December 1st) and Nicole Tomaszynski will become Secretary
- Anni Adkins to represent at Parish Council.

Christian Service Commission – No representative – no minutes.

Education Commission –Dawn Sikowski reported – no minutes attached.

- Dawn Sikowski is taking over the Scrip program.
- Dawn will also be the Education Commission representative to Parish Council.

Long Term Planning – No meeting.

Vicariate Pastoral Council (VPC) – no representative –minutes attached.

Evangelization –Deacon Ken reported - minutes attached.

- Basic Evangelization workshop will be sponsored by St. Paul Street Evangelization and the Blue Water Evangelization Committee on October 9th & 10th at St. Mary in Port Huron.
- We will have a presentation by the AOD here at I.C. at our next parish council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Parish Council officers remain the same for this year; Nichole Tomaszynski, Chair, Bob Tharrett, Vice-Chair, Amy O’Gara (IC staff member) will continue to act as recording secretary.
- Fr. Joe handed out *A Summary of Future Crimes*, by Marc Goodman (New York: Doubleday, 2015).
- Information on parish festival – Thank you notes have been mailed out.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Question on how much has been paid back to the cemetery fund?

OPEN FORUM:

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:22 PM.

Next Meeting: November 3, 2015 following the 6:30 PM Mass

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Amy O’Gara, Recording Secretary