



Immaculate Conception Parish Council January Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2014
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 Tomaszycski 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 3)
Lori Stefani Lori1725@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 Guardianangelspray4us@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
		X	Long Term Planning Rep.
JoAnn Augustine Jaugustine30@comcast.net	X		Christian Service Rep.
Pat Baldes pcbaldes@comcast.net	X		

Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:15 PM

Minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting were approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- The Christmas collection was very successful, surpassing the budgeted amount of \$90,000. We received almost \$117,000 (compared to \$97,000 last year), and this amount will go farther than usual, as it's not subject to the 7% assessment on other parish income levied by the Archdiocese. This will go a long way toward helping us stay current with our expenses, and I'm very grateful to everyone who contributed. Additional donations can be received through next Sunday, as long as they're marked "Christmas."
- Our overall financial situation is better than it was at this time last year, though it's still too early to project whether we'll finish the fiscal year in the black or the red. Our new business manager, Gordon Birgbauer, is analyzing our income and expenses, and he and the Finance Council will be looking at particular parish fundraisers (Fish Fry, Festival, etc.) to see if there are ways of reducing operating expenses and increasing revenues.
- We had originally hoped to take part in the August 200-Mile-Long Yard Sale next summer, earning as much as \$5,000 renting our field to area vendors. However, the organizer informed us last month that this won't be possible, as Ira Township is making it very difficult for her to obtain the necessary permits.
- A technology committee has been formed, and is looking into upgrading the school's computer lab as its first project.
- On the weekend of January 24-25, a priest from **Food for the Poor** will be speaking at all the Masses.
- Catholic Schools Week will take place from January 25-31 (with report cards being given out on Friday, January 30).
- The school's open house and pancake breakfast will be held on February 22.

- We will be hosting a special presentation and display on the **Shroud of Turin** on Monday February 2 at 7 pm in church. It will include a life-size replica of the Shroud and other amazing features. A free will offering will be taken to reimburse the presenters for their travel costs; the only expense to the parish will be providing two motel rooms for two nights.

FINANCE COUNCIL: - Fr. Joe reported – no minutes provided.

- As stated in Fr. Joe's Pastor's Report, Gordon will be meeting with various groups starting with Fish Fry and Festival to see if there are ways to cut expenses and increase income.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Worship Commission – Fr. Joe reported – no minutes provided.

- Bishop Michael Byrnes was here for the school Mass on Friday, December 19.
- That same evening Fr. Joe held a special "Mass for Loved Ones No Longer Practicing the Faith"; and about 80 people attended, submitting such names in writing.
- The Christmas Masses were well-attended (especially 4:30 pm on Christmas Eve). A special Christmas bulletin was given out, along with copies of the booklet *A Minute in the Church*, Vol. 2. (Vol. 1 was given out as a Christmas gift last year.)
- A special blessing of chalk for the Feast of the Epiphany was held at all the Masses this past weekend.
- The next Mass of Reparation will be Monday, January 19.
- Throat blessings on the feast of St. Blase will be held on Tuesday, February 3 after the 6:30 pm Mass.
- First Reconciliation will be celebrated by the 2nd grade students on Thursday, February 5 at 6:30 pm.
- The next vicariate healing service will be held Friday, February 13 at St. Catherine Church in Algonac.

Christian Service Commission – JoAnn Augustine reported – minutes provided.

- Rosary Makers will meet after the 10 am Mass.
- There were two (2) funeral lunches last month.
- Stars of Christmas – With donations, we bought gifts for 60 children, which represent 27 families. Five children from Selfridge whose fathers were deployed and 14 families from I.C. We had 13 volunteers help sort, and 6 volunteers delivered the items to the food bank. Chesterfield Police donated 12 turkeys which St. Vincent de Paul will help distribute to needy families.
- Charity poker has been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

Education Commission –No meeting – no minutes provided.

Long Term Planning – No representative –no minutes provided.

Long Term Planning is meeting next week.

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

Evangelization –minutes provided.

- Fr. Joe distributed a flyer with the suggestion that it be provided to the I.C. Evangelization Committee.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

ChristLife – ChristLife begins this Thursday from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm and from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Fr. Joe requested that it be promoted as much as possible. Registrations are still being accepted.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

OPEN FORUM:

- A question about Miscellaneous Expenses on the Festival Report was brought up, is being addressed by Finance Council.
- A “thank you” was given about having the fans in church turned on during Mass.
- It was announced that there will be a **Midwest Catholic Apologetics Conference** on January 24, 2015 held at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church.
- The Organ Concert by Patrick Kronner with Katherine Guc was enjoyed by all who attended.
- It was suggested that sometime we could have the song *Silent Night* performed with only a guitar and sung in German as the original was.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:00 PM.

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

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Amy O’Gara, Recording Secretary

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL
CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEETING – FEBRUARY 3, 2015

OPENED WITH OUR PRAYER

ATTENDANCE: FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT

APPROVAL OF JAN. 6, 2015 MEETING

ROSARY MAKERS – DID NOT MEET AFTER 10 MASS ON FEB. 1ST

FUNERAL LUNCH REPORT – NO FUNERAL LUNCHESES

HANDCRAFTER'S – MEET 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS AT NOON IN PARISH HALL

COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY WAS HELD SUNDAY, FEB. 1ST AFTER ALL MASSES

ST. JOSEPH LAYETTE – ARTICLE WILL GO IN PAPER FEB. 15TH THROUGH MARCH 8TH – WILL COLLECT THROUGH
MARCH 15TH AND THEN SORT THAT WEEK

CHARITY POKER WILL RETURN TO THE RIVER MARCH 5TH. WE HAVE CHARITY POKER DATES FOR JUNE 1ST THROUGH
JUNE 4TH AT CICARELLI'S

NEW BUSINESS:

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR FR. JOE WILL BE HELD SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 25TH AFTER 4:30 MASS – DETAILS
WILL COME LATER

BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, MAY 3RD

TINA KOVALCIK REPORT: FATHER WILL HAVE A TALK ON RECONCILIATION DURING LENT, BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN
FEB. 25TH NIGHT, FEB. 26TH AM-NEED HELP WITH CHILD CARE , SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE FEB. 22ND,
RECONCILIATION FOR SCHOOL, MARCH 12TH

NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

NEXT COFFEE/DONUTS WILL BE SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday November 11, 2014 –Un-Approved Rev 2

Attendees: ☒ Father Joe Esper ☒ George Eichorn ☒ Jim Haase ☐ Ron Vigneron
 ☒ Jim Mattina ☒ Bob DeBusschere ☒ Jeff Wooten ☒ Dennis Cyr
 ☒ Robert Clancy

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 previous meeting was not available for review.

Church Repair Update:

- Boiler Access doors will be rebuilt & reinforced by Bob D. A commercial bought door for this size is not available.
- Man Door to Basement; Jeff Wooten received (3) bids & Mt. Clemens Glass was low at \$1,284 which included the automatic door closer. Recommendation is to release a contract to replace door as quoted.
- Church Front Door Refinishing; to be done in the spring.
- Wall issue near Mary's statue will be repaired & repainted under warranty.

Changing Lives Together Update:

- Goal \$ 559,383.00
- Pledges/Gifts: 413 29% of the registered families
- Pledge Total: \$ 527,174.39
- Short of Goal \$ 32,260.61

Gymnasium Update:

- Wall replace, rework or repair.
 - Due to the current appearance of the walls, Bob D. to head up a volunteer group to scrap & repaint the walls prior to the school Christmas Play. Tentative Schedule Sat 12/6/14 at 8:00 am.
 - The drainage system installed is helping the walls to dry out.
 - Replacement of the walls will be addressed in the spring when school is out.
- HVAC Upgrade on hold due to funding.
- Ceiling ventilation fans have been delivered but need an installation schedule from Anthony Smerek - Smerek Electric

Handicap Parking:

- The survey was taken during 10/19/14 weekend masses.
 - 4:30 Sat mass 6 of the 6 designated spots were used Total = 19 cars
 - 8:00 mass 3 of the 6 designated spots were used Total = 9 cars.
 - 10:00 mass 5 of the 6 designated spots were used. Total = 12 cars.
 - 12:00 mass 5 of the 6 designated spots were used. Total = 9 cars.
- The recommendation is to change (2) spots by the grotto & than take another survey.

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School Update:

- Upper El entrance is nearly complete. The following are the extra charges:
 - Floor Rework \$450.00
 - Painting front doors \$650.00
- George to get a quote to replace the Lower El & Kitchen entrances
- Multipurpose Room Storage Area: Bob D. to get help & a layout to re-work the area

M-29 Road Work:

- No News

Rectory Roof:

- Contract has been issued to Reasonable Roofing & shingles delivered.
- Scheduled completion 11/19/14

Garage Electrical:

- New Outlets & independent circuits will be added.
- Bob D. to get a contractor & prices from Anthony Smerek
- Schedule for completion to be discussed at a later date.
- Festival committee will absorb the cost.

Open discussion:

- First Christ Life series has been completed & a big success
- Father will offer the series again in January & would like all committee members who did not participated this time to consider attending the new session.
- George E. presented the “Parish Bid Process Procedures” for record as well as use in future projects.

Parish Council Representative:

Next Parish Council Meeting 12/2/14
LTPC Representative: Jim Mattina

Next Meeting: January 13, 2015 @ 7:15 pm

Meeting Adjourn and Closing Prayer at 8:45 pm

"Dinner and a Movie" Summary

\$487.00 was collected at the Dinner and Movie Night on January 10th, 2015. People knew it was going toward the Christmas Collection and thus has been turned in as such.

Grillos, above what had been ordered, had given us an extra 20 foot sub, so we had more than enough food, many people were able to take something home with them.

We had 64 people attend. Additional people had registered.

In addition, Immaculate Conception will retain the License for One year to show the movie on Site. The License was purchased on December 22, 2014 through Outreach Ministries.

Many parishioners said they would like to see SHINE take advantage of this opportunity and therefore an offer has been extended to them.

If any Parish Groups would like to use this video on Premise please see Ray or Laura Somogy for Event DVD.

The next movie the group has received permission from Father Joe to secure the "rights to show", will be Mother Theresa with Olivia Hussey. The menu is still in the making. So as not to compete with Fish Frys and other Parish functions, April, 11th has been chosen and booked.