

Immaculate Conception Parish Council

June 2016 Minutes



Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 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 Tomaszycski nicolembeutler@hotmail.com	X		Council Member, Chairperson (Term 2, Year 1)
Kathleen Grimm kagrimm@comcast.net	X		Council Member (Term 2, Year 1)
Bob Tharrett bobfarming@yahoo.com		X	Council Member, Vice-Chair (Term 2, Year 2)
Ted Stawiasz tstawiasz@aol.com	X		Council Member (Term 2, Year 2)
Steve Boutorwick scboutorwick@yahoo.com		X	Council Member (Term 2, Year 1)
Dawn Sikowski dmsikowski@hotmail.com		X	Council Member (Term 2, Year 1)
Mary Kot skippykot@yahoo.com	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 7:15pm.

Minutes of the May, 2016 meeting were approved with no changes.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- The Presbyteral Council elections are underway, and will conclude on June 17 (which unfortunately means we will not know who the new vicar will be in time for the June 14 vicariate meeting, or for the June 26 issue of *The Drift*). Once the members of the Presbyteral Council have been elected, the Archbishop will appoint some of them as vicars (one for each of the 16 vicariates).
- The all-staff vicariate gathering will be held next Tuesday, June 14, at St. Mark's on Harsens's Island.
- As usual, our C.S.A. is off to a slow start; about \$28,000 has been pledged so far – about one-third of our target.
- One of the recommendations of the archdiocesan limited-scope audit conducted earlier this year was that an additional safe be acquired for the church sacristy—one to be used solely for collections, and to which only I as pastor have access. Thanks to the generosity and efforts of Paul Sattler, that safe is in place.
- The annual Mission Appeal will be held June 18-19, with a priest from the Glenmary Fathers speaking at all the Masses.
- The monthly Mass of Reparation will be held the next day, Monday June 20. Through a special arrangement, both the chalice belonging to St. Padre Pio, and one of his gloves, will be present at the Mass and available for veneration before and afterwards; as a result, additional visitors are expected.
- I will be away the rest of that week – from Tuesday June 21 until that Saturday morning.
- This weekend we will try something new prior to each of the Masses: about two minutes before Mass, the lector will invite people in church to introduce themselves to the persons in the pews around them. This effort to make our parish more hospitable is response to some of the ideas raised at the Amazing Parish back in April. The lector will also remind everyone that the Mass readings are listed on the hymn board, and that the Creed can be found in the booklet inserted in the back cover of the hymnal.
- Our first meeting of the newly-formed Amazing Parish Planning Group will be held on Tuesday June 14 after the evening Mass. About twelve parishioners have expressed interest. In preparation for the meeting, they'll be

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given a document I prepared: a 25-page summary of five different books on dynamic parishes, containing various ideas and suggestions. This may serve as a starting point for what the group needs or wants to do.

- Young children were especially noisy and disruptive at the 8am and 10am Masses this past Sunday, which caused me to think outside the box. Would it be possible or worthwhile to create two “mini-cry rooms” by putting a larger window in the center doors of each of the two confessionals in the back of church, and allowing parents to sit there with noisy infants when necessary? I wouldn’t be an ideal solution, but it might be an improvement over our current lack of a cry room.
- Thank you for all who helped with the Right to Life Cross project.

FINANCE COUNCIL – No minutes – Fr. Joe Reported.

- Finance Council meets this coming Thursday.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Worship Commission - no meeting – no report.

Christian Service Commission – no report.

Education Commission/SAC – no report.

Long Term Planning – No minutes – Jim Mattina reported.

- Small leak by the Mary statue in church is being looked at.
- Looking at putting LED lighting in the school.
- The handicapped parking will be redistributed and repainted.
- The metal recycling bin was fairly full – no report on how much it made.
- Hoping to address the drain issue between the Grotto and the maintenance garage before festival.
- The freezer in the school is gone, LTP is taking quotes for a replacement.
- Possibly getting a Historical Marker for St. Mary Cemetery.
- The plans for the update to the baseball diamond are being reworked.
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Stewardship Commission – No minutes – no report.

Vicariate Pastoral Council (VPC) – No minutes – Fr. Joe reported.

- The All-Staff will be held on Harsens Island.

Evangelization – Kathleen Grimm reported.

- I.C. will be starting a Bible Study on using the Ignatius Study Bible.
- The Evangelization Committee will be providing placemats to for the festival dinners with evangelization themes.
- St. Mary Queen of Creation will be hosing a Night Fever evening – they are looking for volunteers to help.
- I.C. now hosts a “Grace Line” prayer request line on our website. We are taking prayer request and asking for prayer champions as well.

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NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

OPEN FORUM:

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:45pm. Meeting was followed by end-of year potluck.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 4, 2016 following the 6:30 PM Mass

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Amy O'Gara

Immaculate Conception Little Way Ladies Society June 2016 Minutes



Meeting Date: Monday, June 13, 2016
Meeting Time: 9:30 am
Meeting Location: Parish Hall

Member Name	Present	Absent
Carol Gawel, Chair	X	
Amy O'Gara, Secretary	X	
Barbara Nagrant, Member	X	
Mary Kot, Member	X	
Lila McClintock, Member	X	
Cindy Janisse-Spear, Member	X	
Joan Abele, Member		Excused
Eleana Hogarth, Member		X
Sandy Kott, Member	X	

Meeting opened with a prayer at 9:30 am.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Family Game Night was lightly attended but a success. It was agreed that May is probably not a good month to hold an event, as it is a very busy time of year with sacraments, graduations, end of school, etc. All in attendance had a wonderful time. We raised \$142. Some items were paid out and reimbursed.
- An account was opened for the Little Way Ladies Society with a starting balance of \$120.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

- Our September meeting will be in the evening to allow some additional members to be in attendance. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 14, 2016 at 6:30pm. (This replaces the meeting originally scheduled for September 19, 2016.)

BUNCO / EUCHRE NIGHT

- We discussed holding another Family Game Night in the fall, but instead opted for a family friendly Bunco / Euchre Night. It will be held Saturday October 15, 2016 following the 4:30pm Mass. Light dinner and snacks will be provided and a \$5 entry fee will be collected to cover food and small prizes.

ADVENT TEA

- Our Advent Tea will be held December 7, 2016. More information to follow.

NEW BUSINESS

- It was suggested that we place a prominent ad in the bulletin inviting new members to start up in the fall. A copy of an ad from the St. Mary Queen of Creation women's group **The "Son" Flowers** was used as an example. This will be done before our October 3, 2016 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Dueling Piano's will be discussed more in depth in the fall.

CLOSING

The meeting was closed with praying over the submitted prayer requests at 10:50am.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2016 at 6:30pm

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