

Immaculate Conception Parish, Ira Township, MI



Parish Council — June 5, 2018 Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 5, 2018

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 kgnowickid@sbcglobal.net	X		Sr. Deacon
Deacon Larry Pazkowski deaconlarry@iccatholic.org		X	Deacon, Evangelization Representative
Nicole Tomaszynski 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 (Term 2, Year 1)
Ted Stawiasz tstawiasz@aol.com	X		Council Member, Vice Chair (Term 2, Year 1)
Pat McGrath		X	Council Member (Term 1, Year 1)
Mary Kot skippykot@yahoo.com	X		Worship Representative
Laura Somogy guardianangelspray4us@gmail.com	X		Education Committee/Evangelization Committee
JoAnn Augustine Jaugustine30@comcast.net	X		Christian Service Rep.
Long Term Planning. – Jim Mattina	X		Long Term Planning Rep.

Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:16 pm.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved with no changes.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- As you've heard, the Sisterhood of Saint Elizabeth will be here this Thursday, May 3, offering religious articles for purchase in the parish hall from the end of morning Mass until 7pm. Funds raised will support their various ministries in Belarus (part of the former Soviet Union). In an effort to promote this, the Divine Mercy prayer group is sponsoring a light breakfast in the hall after morning Mass that day.
- Our parish will be holding a blood drive this coming Sunday, May 6, from 8am – 2pm.
- I've reported before on how the Archdiocese had hired a consulting firm to determine whether it made sense to conduct a capital campaign to benefit Catholic education. No decision has yet been made; this will occur sometime this fall. What is known is that every parish will have to support Catholic education in some manner (which our vicariate is already doing).

FINANCE COUNCIL – Minutes attached – Fr. Joe reported.

- Has been meeting. Last month they discussed a Business Manager situation. Trying to get accurate and timely information, cash flow, monthly reports, etc.

COMMISSION REPORTS:



Worship Commission – Minutes attached – Mary Kot and Fr. Joe reported.

- Next meeting May 17, 2018.
- The Holy Week and Easter liturgies went well, as did the Divine Mercy celebration. 600 Easter gift bags had been prepared for our parishioners (with information on signing-up for FORMED, among other things); 100 were left over.
- Bishop Battersby was here for Confirmations on Friday April 20; we had 46 young people receive the Sacrament (along with 3 from other parishes). The bishop seemed very impressed with our parish (e.g., the signing of the Litany of the Saints just before the Mass began, and the sense of spiritual order he observed).

Christian Service Commission – Minutes attached – JoAnn Augustine reported.

- Approved minutes of Feb.
- Sunshine lady sent out 20 birthday and 6 get well
- Mary's Garden is looking for donations of annuals to be brought on Mother's Day.
- Rosary Makers after coffee and donuts this month – they will have bakesale.
- 3 funeral lunches
- Handcrafters 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- Youth group was available for help with apps.
- Blue Mass possibly in October.
- Blood Drive this Sunday from 8 to 1
- Thank you to the ladies who showed up to help stuff festival tickets.
- Next meeting May 15 and next coffee May 20.
- Sacred Heart Rehab Center hygiene kits will be assembled next week.

Education Commission/SAC – Minutes attached – Laura Somogy reported.

- Shine is looking for end of year activity.
- Grief support
- June 18 to 23 Splash Canyon 9-12 noon
- Divine Mercy Group offering a pilgrimage to Carry OH – Our Lady of Consolation. All inclusive. Bus currently 1/3 full. 37.5 to breakeven can have 54 max.

Long Term Planning – Minutes attached – Jim Mattina reported.

- Church repair update – need to do a little bit on the outside of the church.
- Quotes to bring the balcony rail up to code.
- Gym moisture problem – done a test of filling the walls with Styrofoam – will see if it helps.
- HVAC units – couple of problems, has been repaired under warranty.
- Rectory – keeping an eye on the condition of the rectory.
- Parking lot – we are addressing the drain issue. Working on getting rid of standing water. Hopefully will be address before festival.



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- School – issue with the slab in front of the main entrance of the door. Taking a look to see what can be done about the slab that has heaved up with the weather.
- Sliding latches have been installed in the school – project complete.
- Software FileMaker to set up cemetery plot database.
- Property markers have been found adding an additional 50' to the cemetery.
- Facilities Maintenance Planning Log is being updated so we can identify the top 10 issues that need attention. Classrooms 5-8 carpet is badly in need of replacement. New parking lot is looking for for the future. The LTP will be distributed to council.

Stewardship Commission – No minutes – Laura Somogy.

- No meeting in April.
- Easter Egg hunt was a big success.
- Stewardship attended a conference at Sacred Heart Seminary.
- Next meeting in May.

Parish Life –.

Vicariate Pastoral Council (VPC) – Fr. Joe reported.

- No meeting last month – next meeting 1 week from tomorrow.
- Budget tentatively approved by council and clergy. New feature will be an active Hispanic Ministry in the northeast region. We are asked to contribute 5000 a year for the next few years to bring 2 sisters up from el Salvador to live here and minister. Clergy agreed to rather than add to the budget they would withdraw from vicariate checking. Overall budget is roughly the same as last year a bit over 23,000. Each parish share is proportionate to its size and number.
- We will find out soon if Fr. Joe will continue as Vicar or if it will be someone else.

Evangelization – Minutes attached -- Kathleen Grimm reporting.

- Prayed Divine Mercy was prayed for Fr. Sig as his death was eminent at the time.
- Working on mission statement for Evangelization.
- Possible St. Patrick party for 2019.
- Starting meeting using FORMED study.
- Parish Mission was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

As of Tuesday April 3, Gordon Birgbauer is no longer our Business Manager. A search committee was formed to find a new Business Manager. Interviews were finished last night. The position has been accepted – will be accepted by Finance Council. Fr. Joe was very disappointed about the rumors that were circulated about the situation involved.

Nicole Tomaszynski will be stepping down from Parish Council – next meeting will be her last. She will be helping with festival. We will need another chair for council. We want to thank Nicole for a job well done, and for all the efforts she has put forth on behalf of Parish Council. Laura Somogy put her name forward to help.



OLD BUSINESS:

CSA – We hit our last year target in a timely manner, we exceeded it by about \$49,000 – which we are all very pleased as this was our 2nd highest quota. CSA envelopes are going out now, we are hoping and expecting for a successful campaign.

OPEN FORUM:

Pot luck next month.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:28pm

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Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Amy O’Gara