



## Immaculate Conception Parish Council June Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2014  
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM  
Meeting Location: Parish Hall

Member Name	Present	Absent	Position
Fr. Joe Esper	X		Pastor
Deacon Ken Nowicki		X	Evangelization Rep.
Nicole Tomaszycski	X		Chairperson
Bill Gilmore	X		Vice Chair
Pat McGrath	X		Council Member
Kathleen Grimm		X	Council Member, VPC Rep.
Lori Stefani	X		Council Member
Bob Tharrett	X		Council Member
Tom Dunn		X	Council Member
Ted Stawiasz	X		Council Member
Mary Kot		X	Worship Representative
Anni Adkins	X		Council Member
		x	Long Term Planning Rep. (Rotational)
JoAnn Augustine	X		Christian Service Rep.

**Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:20 PM**

**Minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting were approved with no corrections.**

### **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

- Changing Lives Together update. Currently \$34,000 short of our target. We are 93% to goal.
- CSA update. Our goal is \$71,000, we've had \$25,000 pledges so far.
- Our Volunteer Appreciation celebration was held last month, with volunteers asked to stand and be recognized at all the masses on the weekend of May 17-18. The volunteer appreciation dinner was held after the 4:30pm Mass; attendance was fairly good, and we heard many favorable comments. Once again, thank you to everyone involved in one or more ministries and activities in the parish.
- As I've been mentioning over the last few months, we are facing a potential budget shortfall for the fiscal year that ends June 30 – possibly in the range of \$60,000. The good news is that this is less than originally projected (due primarily to an increase in the weekly collections, and also to the revenue brought in by the loose change collection). Even better news involves the matching funds drive we're conducting this month, in which some parishioners have generously offered to match whatever additional income we raise, up to \$30,000. We're hopeful this will go a long way toward eliminating our deficit.
- The budget for next year has been approved by the finance council, and was submitted to the Archdiocese by the May 15 deadline. It took a great deal of work to make it balance, and will involve some real sacrifices (such as a 3% reduction in spending by each department from this current fiscal year budget). I'll be giving more information on the situation in a future bulletin column.
- Work on refinishing the church floor, and repainting the exterior trim and the church steeple, is scheduled to begin next Monday; weekday Mass will be held in the parish hall, and any funerals will be said at St. Mary Parish in New Baltimore. We're anticipating this being a two-week project.

- The principal search committee has been formed, and at this point we have four candidates to interview. It's possible that a new principal for our school may be selected by this time next week.
- Our first ever Sports Night will be held this Saturday evening. We don't know what to expect in terms of attendance, but are hoping it proves to be a successful fundraiser.
- The Biblical School of Michigan is a Catholic adult education program offering a number of Scripture courses intended for lay people. A representative will be speaking at the time of the announcements at all the Masses on June 14-15.
- Vacation Bible School will take place the week of June 23.
- The school's 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation Mass was held last night; the kindergarten graduation ceremony will be tomorrow morning, and the school year ends this Friday after the Awards Mass at 8:30am (which is then followed by First Friday Eucharistic Adoration as usual).
- I'm still waiting to hear the results of the election for new vicars.

#### **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

##### **Worship Commission –Minutes provided - Fr. Joe reported.**

Additional comments:

- Our annual Graduates' Mass will be held this Sunday at 10am; this is a way of recognizing all graduating seniors from our parish.
- This Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost, and everyone is invited to wear something red in honor of the Holy Spirit. A Pentecost Prayer Vigil will be held following the 4:30pm Mass this Saturday; also, Deacon Ken had a novena in honor of the Holy Spirit inserted in the bulletin last weekend.
- There will be a blessing for fathers at all the weekend Masses on Father's Day (June 14-15).
- The next Mass of Reparation will be held on Monday June 16 – in the church, not the parish hall. (The refinishing work will be completed on one side of the church, and the work that Monday will begin in the back of church – leaving the front available for our use.)

##### **Christian Service Commission – JoAnn Augustine reporting.**

- We will be working with Christian Service to provide support in December to the Sacred Heart Rehab Center. Fr. Joe suggested we include something for Christmas.

##### **Education Commission – No meeting minutes provided – no representative.**

##### **Long Term Planning (LTP) – No meeting minutes provided – no representative.**

**VICARIATE PASTORAL COUNCIL (VPC) – No meeting.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**OPEN FORUM:** None

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:43 PM

Next Meeting: September 2, 2014 following the 6:30 PM Mass

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Amy O'Gara, Recording Secretary