

# Immaculate Conception Parish Council

## May 2017 Minutes



Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017  
 Meeting Time: 7:15 PM  
 Meeting Location: Parish Hall

Member Name	Present	Absent	Position
Fr. Joe Esper <a href="mailto:parish@icatholic.org">parish@icatholic.org</a>	X		Pastor
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Pat McGrath		X	Council Member (Term 1, Year 1)
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Laura Somogy	X		Education Committee/Evangelization Committee
JoAnn Augustine <a href="mailto:jaugustine30@comcast.net">jaugustine30@comcast.net</a>	X		Christian Service Rep.
Long Term Planning – Dennis Cyr	X		Long Term Planning Rep.

**Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:15pm.**

**Minutes of the April, 2017 meeting approved with no changes.**

### PASTOR'S REPORT:

- At last Wednesday's Consultors meeting, the Archdiocese officially approved our request to remodel the main entrance to the school (the second of our *Changing Lives Together* goals). All the bids have been received and we have a guaranteed maximum price of just over \$149,000 – which is a bit below the amount of money we have available for the project. Work will begin as soon as possible once school is dismissed for the summer; depending on the actual date construction will be taken place possibly during Vacation Bible School, and certainly during the festival. The important thing is that the project be finished by the start of the school year in September.
- The AOD had required us, as part of the approval process, to have a thorough inspection made of our buildings and grounds – with the idea of us knowing in advance of any likely major maintenance issues, allowing us to budget the money needed to address them. This inspection showed that, overall, we're in fairly good shape in this regard (thanks in part to our very skilled maintenance director). However, the survey did not include the rectory, as we already know it will have to be replaced at some future point. Even so, the AOD wants an official inspection of the rectory to be included, so this will be scheduled.
- All the documents for the purchase of the former salon property have been signed and filed, so the property is now officially ours (and the grassy area behind where the salon used to stand would presumably be the site of a new rectory). Now that everything is official, I'll announce this to the parish in my bulletin column.
- Our CSA campaign is underway. The Archbishop's taped homily was played at all the Masses this past weekend, and a mailing has gone out to our parish households. Our target is \$82,734 (compared to the \$98,886 we raised last year).
- Work is continuing on the budget for FY 2017-2018; the challenge has been making it balance, as projected revenues aren't keeping pace with expenses. We're hoping to finish in the black for this current fiscal year.

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(which ends June 30), though it will be close; if it looks like we might have a deficit we'll consider having a special collection to help with this problem.

- The Blue Water Vicariate budget has been much easier to put together, and will be presented to the VPC for formal approval next week.
- The text for the historical marker for St. Mary Cemetery has been officially approved, and \$2207 has been raised toward the \$3900 cost. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for 1:30pm on Sunday October 15.
- Austin Catholic High School is conducting a \$12 million capital campaign, but we won't be involved in any way, as we have our own vicariate high school which we help support. Austin was gracious enough to invite our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to a special presentation last Friday by noted chastity expert and speaker Jason Evert.
- The book study of *Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody* will begin next Wednesday, May 10, at 6:30pm in the parish hall.
- Vacation Bible School will take place the week of June 19-23.

### **FINANCE COUNCIL** – Fr. Joe reported.

- Continue to review parish finances.
- Next meeting is next week and we will review the budget.

### **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

#### **Worship Commission** – Mary Kot and Fr. Joe reported.

- The Holy week and Easter liturgies were well-attended, and went very smoothly; there were four persons received into the church and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. I'm grateful to everyone who helped with them in any way, including the choirs and musicians, the liturgical arts committee, and the sacristans, altar servers, liturgical ministers, and other volunteers.
- The divine Mercy Sunday prayer service was also fairly well-attended.
- Bishop Donald Hanchon was here last night for the Confirmation of 45 of our young people.
- This Saturday our First Communion Mass will be taking place at 10:30am (instead of the regular 9am First Saturday Mass).
- This coming weekend – the Fourth Sunday of Easter – is unofficially known as Good Shepherd Sunday (due to the subject of the Gospel); the church is observing it as World Day of Prayer for Vocations.
- The parish's May Crowning ceremony will be held after the 10am Mass this Sunday, weather-permitting; the school's May Crowning ceremony will be held after the school Mass the following Friday.
- Saturday May 13 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady's first apparition to the three shepherd children at Fatima. Therefore, there will be a special 9am Mass that morning, followed by a Living rosary (conducted by Deacon Ken).
- The regular monthly Mass of Reparation will take place on Monday May 15 at 7pm.
- The Blue Water Vicariate holds a Healing Mass twice a year: in the fall, and in the spring. The latter will take place on Friday May 19 at St. Stephen Church in Port Huron.
- Deacon Christ Stark, one of the directors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, is trying to visit parishes throughout the AOD and preach at all the Masses one weekend in order to promote the Society. He will be here at I.C. the weekend of June 3-4 (Pentecost Sunday).

#### **Christian Service Commission** – Minutes included.

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- Dell Haskin is stepping down from the card ministry.
- The Rosary Makers had a successful Bake Sale.
- The Little Way Ladies Society had a successful Scrapbooking event and raised \$1,000 profit. It was split between the 39 Club, Rosary Makers, St. Vincent de Paul, and Little Way Ladies Society.
- The last Dinner and Movie night had 55 people in attendance.
- The Life Issues Committee will be visiting an abortion clinic.
- Our next I.C. Blood Drive will be held Sunday, June 11, 2017.
- The Jewelry Sale will be held this weekend after all the Masses.
- Charity poker night is coming up.
- Little Way Ladies Society is hosting a pilgrimage to Shrine of the Little Flower on the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29, 2017 (Thursday).

### **Education Commission/SAC** –No meeting.

#### **Long Term Planning** – Dennis Cyr reported.

- Waiting on hardware to complete the front door repairs (church building).
- Tuck-pointing on the front steps of the church will be completed with the installation of the electronic sign.
- The school gym update – we will Dry-Loc the entire south wall.
- Bob DeBusschere will be meeting with Philips Sign Company to discuss LED lighting in the gym.
- The nonfunctioning bathroom in the rectory is now a closet.
- The salon property will be kept as is for the time being.
- Regarding solar for the school, technology is rapidly developing, we will hold off on any decisions for now.

#### **Parish Life** – No meeting.

#### **Vicariate Pastoral Council (VPC)** – Will meet next week.

#### **Stewardship Commission** – no meeting.

#### **Evangelization** – Minutes included.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Stewardship will be creating bags for parents with small children
- Pot luck for next meeting as it is the last meeting before summer.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing to report.

**OPEN FORUM:** Nothing to report

**Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:12 pm.**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 5, 2017 following the 6:30 pm Mass.

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted:** Amy O’Gara