



Immaculate Conception Parish Council September Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 2, 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 Tomaszynski	X		Council Member, Chairperson (Term 1, Year 3)
Pat McGrath		X	Council Member (Term 2, Year 1)
Kathleen Grimm	X		Council Member, VPC Rep. (Term 1, Year 2)
Lori Stefani		X	Council Member (Term 1, Year 2)
Bob Tharrett	X		Council Member, Vice-Chair (Term 1, Year 3)
Ted Stawiasz	X		Council Member (Term 1, Year 3)
Anni Adkins	X		Council Member (Term 1, Year 2)
			Council Member (Open Position)
Mary Kot	X		Worship Representative
		X	Long Term Planning Rep.
JoAnn Augustine	X		Christian Service Rep.

Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:20 PM

Minutes of the June 3, 2014 meeting were approved with no corrections.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- School began this morning; we have 162 students (compared to 152 last year), along with a new principal and a new sense of excitement.
- Over the last month improvements were made to the school building, including painting of the hallways, offices, and some classrooms; installation of new carpeting in various rooms; concrete work outside the upper elementary entrance. This entrance has long been a problem, and the doorway itself will be replaced sometime this month. (This project is being paid for from our *Changing Lives Together* proceeds, as upgrading the school entrances was one of the campaign goals.)
- Fr. Joe's summer adult education course was on "The Protestant and Catholic Reformations," and about 35 people participated each week.
- Early in August we held the funeral for Archbishop Vigneron's mother; The Mass was followed by a luncheon, and everything went smoothly.
- The parish office is back to regular office hours, closing at 4pm on Tuesday through Thursday, and at 3pm on Friday.
- Next Tuesday we will be hosting the vicariate clergy meeting
- On the weekend of September 13-14 there will be a special announcement at all the Masses promoting E-Giving, with an opportunity for parishioners to sign-up in the parish hall afterwards.
- Catechetical Sunday will be observed on September 21; at the 10am Mass that day, our Faith Formation catechists will be officially installed for this coming year.
- ChristLife resumes on Thursday September 25; this segment is called "Sharing Christ."
- Catholic author and alleged visionary John Leary will again be speaking here at I.C. on Sunday September 28. There will be a Rosary after the 12 noon Mass followed by his talk; confessions will be heard, and his books and tapes will be available for purchase.

- The annual *Week of Prayer and Fasting to End Abortion and Convert All Nations* is scheduled for September 20-28. We will have a special Mass for this purpose on Monday September 29 at 7pm; Deacon Ken will also have special times of Eucharistic Adoration during the week (with times to be listed in the bulletin).
- I have been working on a new book the last few weeks, and sent it off to the publisher today. The title is *On the Brink: American and the Coming Divine Judgment*, and it should be out sometime in October.

Additional Comments:

It was noted that we received a grant from the Archdiocese of Detroit to provide new carpet in some of the classrooms.

FINANCE COUNCIL: - Fr. Joe Reporting

- The Finance Council will be meeting in a couple of weeks. They will discuss the Finance Report at the meeting.
- Finance Council approved the expenditure of the new door and concrete at the school's northeast entrance.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Worship Commission –Minutes provided - Fr. Joe reported.

- The 8:30am Wednesday Mass resumes this week.
- The first school Mass of the new school year will be Friday September 12.
- This month's regular Mass of Reparation will be on Monday September 15. (This is in addition to the special Mass two weeks later on September 29.)
- Training for new altar servers begins Saturday September 27 at 9:30am (the first of three consecutive Saturdays), the training is open to any boy or girl 3rd grade or older.
- The annual blessing of pets will be Friday October 3 at 2pm.

Christian Service Commission – JoAnn Augustine reporting.

- Greeting Card Ministry sent 7 cards in May, 10 in June, 7 in July, and 6 in August.
- Someone is needed to take over care of the Mary Garden.
- Funeral Lunch Ministry served five funeral lunches.
- Rosary Makers will meet after the 10am Mass this Sunday.
- Handcrafters will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at noon beginning September 3rd.
- Coffee and donuts will be this Sunday September 7th after all Masses.
- I.C. Christian Service Commission is providing lunch for the vicariate clergy meeting on Tuesday September 9th.
- Reception to be provided for Catechetical Sunday after 10 am Mass on September 21st.
- Our fall I.C. Blood Drive will be September 28th
- We have raised the \$1,400 needed to provide 300 hygiene kits for Sacred Heart Rehab Center. Thank you to our K of C.
- Light Refreshments will be served at a reception on All Soul's Day, Monday November 3rd after the 7pm Mass.
- ChristLife program starts September 25th for 7 weeks.
- We will start a Grief/Loss Program "How to get through the holidays" in November.

Education Commission – No meeting minutes provided – no representative.

Evangelization – Deacon Ken reporting.

- Deacon Ken has become a member of the St. Paul Street Evangelization Ministry.
- Resource material is available from the AOD to help establish our Evangelization Committee.

Changing Lives Together – No report.

Parish Festival – No report.

- Final numbers are not in yet.

VICARIATE PASTORAL COUNCIL (VPC) – Kathleen Grimm Reporting.

- The vicariate Healing Mass was lightly attended. The vicariate may only schedule only two a year.
- The Catholic Legacy commercial aired June 5. They are hoping to get advanced notice to when future commercials will be aired.
- A review and update of the vicariate mission statement is in the works.
- Awaken Ministries is traveling through the vicariate. Awaken Ministry is a monthly outreach currently hosted by various Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit.
- Fr. Brian Cokonougher is the new Blue Water Vicariate vicar.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The budget process this year was very difficult. We should be in better shape this coming year.
- Our matching funds drive raised about \$80,000.00
- Parish Survey Results. – see attached.
- Requested faith testimonies from willing parish council members; “Why are you happy to be part of parish council.”
- Parish council elections – nomination forms should be returned by the end of September.
- Nicole Tomaszewski will remain as chair for the 2014/2015 council year. Bob Tharrett will be vice-chair for the 2014/2015 council year.

OLD BUSINESS: None

OPEN FORUM:

- Deacon Ken spoke about the *International Week of Prayer and Fasting*.
- A KofC member recommended the movie *When The Game Stands Tall*
- We were asked to encourage Dueling Piano’s fundraiser that is coming up October 11, 2014.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:50 PM

Next Meeting: October 7, 2014 following the 6:30 PM Mass

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Amy O’Gara, Recording Secretary