

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception Church
FINAL Pastoral Council Minutes
November 24, 2020

Attendance: P=present; A=absent

P	Adams, John (Member)	A	Wuertz, Cheri (Member)	A	Toenjes, Dona (Trustee)
P	Barnes, Lisa (Member)	A	Ott, Bill (Member)	P	Wienhoff, Hope (Staff)
P	Bodinet, Dave (Member)	P	Powers, Lauren (Member)	A	Young, Lizanne (Staff)
P	Dorshorst, Teresa (Chair)	P	Raney, Steve (Trustee)		
P	Ellner, Toby (Vice-Chair)	P	Rudock, Margaret/Peggy (Secretary)		
P	Huels, Keith (Staff)	P	Scherrer, Fr. Carl (Pastor)		
P	Kish, Mike (Principal, ICS)	P	Fleming, Fr. Nick (Assoc. Pastor)		
A	Lundy, Karen (Staff)	A	Stout, Larry (Member)		

7:00 Call to Order – Teresa Dorshorst

7:00 Introduction/Welcoming of Guests-

Sacred Heart: None

ICS School Board: Dierdra Doerr

Additional Guests:

7:10 Opening Prayer & Reflection – Peggy

Opening Prayer:

Reflection:

7:25 Approval of Minutes– November 2020 –

7:30 Comments from Sacred Heart Representative(s)- From Teresa: Some SH parishioners have students attend ICS. SH parishioners have questions about ensuring whether full stewardship is met. IC parishioners must return commitment form by January 2021. Letter to households more than 50% behind in stewardship commitment. It's based on trust and cooperation to ensure commitments meant. May send quarterly updates next year. Some SH parents have not tithed to SH. SH pays some of tuition to ICS in addition to parents paying tuition. Cost of education per student \$5700—charge to non-parishioners. Diocese policy is that parish pays 80% of cost to send student to another parish school. [Do I have that right?] Diocese may reconsider policy as it is costly for the small parishes to cover these costs.

Other issue at SH is how to handle Christmas holiday masses. Lock parish doors 10 minutes after mass has begun. May leave door open b/c some have arrived late and could not get in. Will lock for Christmas mass.

7:45 Welcome School Board Representative

1. School Board Report – Dierdre Dohrr. Recover from P&F Fundraisers. Going as well as can go. Trivia night. Sales event. Basket raffle in lieu of cookie and craft fair. Links to bid in newsletter. “Virtual booth.” Taking donations this week. No date yet. Mrs. Tolen report. Fr Nick helping at school. Parents are reporting and keeping kids at home if they have symptoms. 3 quarantines over past 3 months. Very good track record.
2. Principal’s Report – Mike Kish. Advanced planning helps. Quarantined a class. Practiced remote education. Picked up \$8207 from CARES Act for covid needs. Maintain normalcy as much as possible. Patriotic Rosary. Hunger is Scary food drive. Virtual Christmas concert planned. Keep as much normalcy as possible. Families are transmitters, not schools. Grateful for our ability to have school. Sad for those who cannot be in school. Mrs. Eppelin outstanding. Started 2nd binder documenting information. Incident of anti-Catholic person in the parking lot. Officer Hopkins

helped out. Fr Nick ready to help the debate. Bad evidence or no evidence. Attack evidence.
Thanks for all parish does to support the school.

(Excuse School Board Rep)

7:45 Staff Reports (If available)

1. Pastor's Report – Fr. Carl. Fr Carl has to share caramel rolls. Letters to all parishioners announcing Christmas mass schedule. Word Among us booklets going to homebound tomorrow. Blue Advent booklet with it. Stewardship commitment forms coming in. Death of Audry S (?) faithful parishioner. 9 girls, 3 boys. Funeral Saturday 11 am. Office closes noon Wed and closed Friday.
2. Director of Faith Formation – Lizanne Young absent. No Qs.
3. Finance Report – Keith Huels. 77 Stewardship forms in. First week of Jan will follow up with ICS families. Flagpole. Wind damage. Joe Koppias will have electrical union to donate labor. Hoping to get poles donated to complete project by Christmas. Appreciate Joe Koppias' contribution.
4. Liturgy & Music Report – Fr Nick. Advent Holy Hour from 7-8 on Tuesday night. ACTS musicians may play. Get them together. An hour with a 5 minute talk on adoration, silent prayer, confession, benediction. Dec 15 likely date. Ministry scheduling--Donna Burns is scheduling. Exploring moving to Ministry Scheduler Pro. It's a good program. People can schedule themselves. Have to download an app and set up an account to sign up availability. Parish can post its needs. Program matches it up. App can find a sub for you. Autofill.

8:05 Old Business

1. Update on 175th Anniversary committee—Highlight an historical event of that month. Covid making events difficult to hold. Get a gift via donation. A remembrance item. Working on that. Next meeting in December. Please let committee know if you have historical artifacts and items. Kicking off at (covid) school mass formally on January 27, anniversary of dedication of new church. Dec 8 is parish feast day and a Wed as well. Piggyback on annual Christmas party, Dec 11, and see if bishop can attend mass and event that night. Eve of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
2. Additional thoughts on Stewardship of Charity event—John had Qs. Keith said it was discussed at another email. Send out a mass email to save the date. How detailed to get. Is it going to be virtual for sure? Yes, given covid conditions right now. Is there software at school that is used. Form on parish web site. Duplicate paper form from last few years and put it on web site. Give a couple weeks before event to submit form for review to ensure organization meets Catholic moral standards. Keith will help John. Tell finance council in Dec mtg. Non ordinary income \$407,000 from government for CARES. Should we give 2% of that amount to Stewardship of Charity as well. The charities are suffering during these times as well. Usually consider Sunday collections in sharing. We've given 5% to Trooper Hopkins' family and for natural disaster emergencies. Get finance council input. Fistula? Charity. Mary Olssen brought it up. More people will get information and learn about new groups.

8:15 New Business

Dave Bodinet question. Are parents and grandparents allowed to attend ICS mass with students? Two pews on either side are reserved for adults who do not have students. If a child is reading or serving, a parent is allowed to attend with child. No policy announced. It's about numbers. Two parents for each first grader. Have not discouraged grandparents. Encourage virtual. Nick Whelan watched mass from Middle East. Two First Reconciliation celebrations to keep attendance under 100. Only people in same household could attend. Both

under 100 people. Just show up. If every one sought to attend it would get overcrowded. Fr Carl has not turned any one away yet!

STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SCHOOL BOARD & REFLECTION

Pastoral Council Representatives Reminders –

Parish Council Representatives				
		Name	Name	Notes
Day	Role	January	February	
1st Sunday after 9am Mass	Welcoming Rep	---	--	
2nd Tues @ 7pm in SH School Bldg	SH Parish Council		Teresa Dorshorst	Give a short summary of what is happening at ICC
3rd Tues @ 7pm in Kof C Rm	School Board			Give a short summary of what is happening at ICC
4th Tuesday @ 7pm in ICC Garden Space	Prayer/Reflection			

8:30 Closing prayer – Father Carl

Adjournment -

Now, even more so than at any other time, we need to remember all of our blessings! We, as a Catholic community have been so generously blessed with wonderful pastoral leaders in Father Carl and Father Nick and our devoted principal, Mike Kish. To all I wish a Blessed, Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. Immaculate Conception Church is blessed to have each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Teresa Dorshorst