

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

## Immaculate Conception Church Pastoral Council Minutes February 27, 2018

Attendance: P=present; A=absent

P	Babcock, MaryBeth (Staff)	P	Kish, Mike (Principal, ICS)	P	Southard, Rich (Member)
P	Barnes, Lisa (Member)	A	Lundy, Karen (Staff)	P	Stout, Larry (Chair)
P	Daniels, Kathy (Member)	P	McDermott, Pat (Member)	P	Toenjes, Dona (Trustee)
P	Dorshorst, Teresa (Member)	P	Powers, Lauren (Vice-Chair)	P	Wienhoff, Hope (Staff)
P	Grawitch, Pat (Member)	P	Raney, Steve (Trustee)	P	Wilson, Mary (Secretary)
P	Huels, Keith (Staff)	P	Renner, Maria (Member)	P	Young, Lizanne (Staff)
		P	Scherrer, Fr. Carl (Pastor)		

**Guests:** Duane McClanahan, Sacred Heart of Dupo representative

**7:00 Call to Order; Opening Prayer & Reflection-** Larry Stout

### Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for entrusting to us, your parish servants, Immaculate Conception Church of Columbia, Illinois, which we must build and tend as the City of God, filled with people.

We call upon the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, to fill our hearts with love.

We are confident of your heavenly guidance through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, and take strength from the compassionate, bold example of our brother, Jesus Christ, who makes all things new, and in whose name we pray.

Amen.

### Reflection

Father Carl's homily the weekend of February 17 & 18 called on us to take action in response to the Valentine's Day school shooting in Florida. To extrapolate from Matthew Kelly's "Perfectly Yourself", we may not be able to abolish violence, but surely we can decrease its frequency and scope. How do we "take strength from the compassionate, bold example of our brother, Jesus Christ" and effect change?

1. What can each of us do as individuals?
  - a. If not already doing so, pray—frequently, intensely, purposely, proactively. (Our post event "Our prayers are with you." may be comforting, but they don't seem to be decreasing violent events.)
  - b. We can choose to listen to one another and interact with others in a civil manner.
  - c. We can choose to not use any form of intimidation to "have our way".

We need to focus on being compassionate and positive. Jesus taught us to be more than our "human-ness."

2. What can we do as a group?

Do we stop supporting the musicians and movie makers that continue to create songs, movies, etc. focused on violence?

We need to remain aware of our surroundings.

Reports of violence are everywhere and are the focus of the media. How do we respond?

3. Who and how can we effectively influence others?

If we remain positive, it will reflect on others.

### **Introduction/Welcoming of Guests**

**Approval of Minutes** – Pat Grawitch made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting. Maria Renner seconded the motion.

### **Comments from Sacred Heart Representative(s) – Duane McClanahan**

Things are operating smoothly. They have a new secretary named Kathy (he could not remember her last name).

1. Comments from ICC representative to Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting– February- Teresa Dorshorst - None

### **Welcome School Board Representative - None**

1. School Board Report – No one was present to give a report.
2. Principal's Report  
Mike is spending a lot of time with Keith working on the budget.  
They are planning for the transition to the new building. There is 115,000 lbs. of stuff to move.  
It is a heavy academic time – competitions are picking up; doing well academically.  
Dinner auction was a success. Gross revenue was \$140,000. Event was a lot of fun and ran smoothly.  
Committee did a very good job.  
Kids Against Hunger was very successful again – over 15,000 meals.
3. Excuse School Board Representative – N/A

### **Old Business**

1. Discernment update- Teresa, Pat G., Lauren  
There will be a bulletin cover March 10 and 11, 2018.  
If necessary, will do 3-minutes more after Easter.  
Selected Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm mass to draw names.
2. Stewardship of Charity Results- Pat G.  
Pat Grawitch reported on the number of families in attendance. He indicated the #? (**need to follow-up with Pat**) and how it compared to the 28 families in 2017, 21 families in 2016 and 16 families in 2015.

### **New Business**

1. Safe update  
Keith indicated he needs to follow-up with Kent Ebers who is looking into options.  
Mary Beth stated there are lots of hoops to get through and on a weekly basis, it is mostly checks.  
Staff voiced their comfort with current process. They commented that with forty money counters, it is easy to put money in, but would be difficult to get money out. Once the school is moved to the new location, there would be more money and there would be a need for a safe.  
All members except Mary Wilson felt we should table issue until school is built.

2. “Growing the Church” (Perhaps prompted by “We Lack for Nothing”): We have a new church and will soon have a new school and activities center? What is our next challenge? Especially, if we consider the buildings as God’s blessings, for what purposes do we use them?
  - a. What were the main points from “We Lack for Nothing”
  - b. What next?

Father Carl shared some feedback from other parishes that have participated in the program previously. Some of the disadvantages were

- the distance to meetings and
- the fact it was hard to personalize the information since the group included five parishes.

Father Carl advised us that he had talked to Tom Posnanski about the possibility of doing the program as a partnership with Father Linus and Sacred Heart parish. Tom thought we could do this with the cost remaining about the same. The cost is around \$700 per session with 5 sessions total.

Members felt it was a good idea to move forward with this program.

3. Items from the floor (Do you have an item we need to consider now or at a future meeting?)

None

### **Staff Reports**

1. Pastor’s Report

Representatives from Building Church committee will be touring Our Lady of Mt. Carmel school in Herrin, Illinois on Sunday March 11, 2018.  
Ecumenical service on Good Friday will start at City Hall and proceed to St. Paul UCC.  
Sister parish visit is scheduled for June 15-20, 2018. There are 11 people planning to go.  
Cluster reconciliation service is scheduled for Sunday March 18, 2018.  
CSMA launches this weekend. Father Carl’s goal is to have 400 people participate.
2. Director of Faith Formation

Book club will be an 8-week session of Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible from 7-8:30 pm on Tuesdays beginning after Easter. Bill and Kathy Mueller will lead the sessions.
3. Finance Report

There are 490 commitment forms submitted compared to 612 last year.
4. Liturgy & Music Report

There was a mistake in the report distributed. We do not need 8 host families for Tatiana Cameron.

Hope Wienhoff stated she will be helping people download the parish app this weekend.

## Pastoral Council Representatives Reminders – March, April

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084bafaa28a6fd0-pastoral>

Parish Council Representatives				
Day	Role	Name		Notes
		March	April	
1st Sunday after 9:00 am Mass	Welcoming Rep	Teresa Dorshorst		
2nd Tues @ 7:00 in SH School Bldg	SH Parish Council	Lisa Barnes	Larry Stout	Give a short summary of ICC going-ons
3rd Tues @ 7:00 in ICS Room 220	School Board	Larry Stout		Give a short summary of ICC going-ons
4th Tuesday @ 7:00 in ICC K of C Room	Prayer/Reflection	Lauren Powers	Maria Renner	

### Closing prayer; Adjournment

**In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Good and gracious God, we ask you to increase our faith and help us to imitate Christ more closely so that others will be drawn to a life of faith and discipleship. We pray in Jesus' name.**

**In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### APPENDICES