

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception Church Pastoral Council Agenda May 22, 2018

Attendance: P=present; A=absent

A	Babcock, MaryBeth (Staff)	P	Kish, Mike (Principal, ICS)	A	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)
A	Dorshorst, Teresa (Member)	P	Powers, Lauren (Vice-Chair)	A	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: Newly discerned members - Chris Curtis and Toby Ellner; ICS School Board – Ray Farley

Call to Order

Introduction/Welcoming of Guests-

Larry Stout welcomed newly discerned members Chris Curtis and Toby Ellner and ICS School Board representative Ray Farley. We did not have a representative from Sacred Heart at this meeting.

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: Larry: “Rebuilt”: Chapter 11 (Get the Parish out of the Pews)

1. Who is a minister? “In a general sense, any Christian exercising a ministry is a minister. Since all the baptized are part of the [universal priesthood](#), whenever they engage in their vocation to evangelize the world and to help those in need, they are ministers.”
2. Do we expect every member (those that do attend and those that do not) to be a minister? Do we see lay ministry as “mature fruit of the baptized” rather than just an unwelcome necessity due to the “dearth of vocations?”
3. Are we preparing every member for their ministry?

Discussion centered around the number and variety of ministries we have at Immaculate Conception. We discussed the opportunities for socialization. We emphasize time and talent in addition to treasure. Lay ministry uses the talents of all parishioners.

A few ideas of how we can be better included having an information desk, placing the welcoming breakfast host ministry in the bulletin, making parishioners aware of the expectations for the welcoming host organization, designating a ministry of the week, and making sure timing of meetings allows all to attend.

Approval of Minutes– March, April

Pat Grawitch motioned to approve the March minutes with the changes recommended. Pat McDermott seconded the motion.

Pat McDermott motioned to approve the April minutes as presented. Pat Grawitch seconded the motion.

Comments from Sacred Heart Representative(s)- no one from Sacred Heart was in attendance.

1. Comments from ICC representative to Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting - Due to some confusion, no one attended the meeting. Larry Stout stated he thought Sacred Heart elected new Officers at their April meeting. Pat McDermott volunteered to attend the May meeting.

Welcome School Board Representative

1. School Board Report

Ray Farley informed the council that the School board welcomed 4 new members, who will officially be seated at the June meeting. He said Keith Huels gave a budget update to the Board. The welcome lunch and meet the teachers night are being combined on the Sunday before school starts. The Board is considering how to say farewell to the school before the move to the new CEAC building. The Board adopted a new Handbook. The Board elected officers for the 2018-19 school year:

President: Tammy Hoeflinger

Vice President: Kit Timmons

Secretary: Megan Gilbreth

2. Principal's Report

- Mike Kish commented that the Jazz Band played at Grizzly stadium and sounded good.
- He said Columbia Kinder College is renting space at school this summer. The school starts on Tuesday.
- Gibault High School had graduation last night (May 21, 2018). He was very proud of the ICS Alumni. He mentioned several honors including Alena Biske – Valedictorian; Kathryn Whitworth – Bishops Award; Spirit of Father Gibault award; 7 Illinois State Scholars.
- Mike will begin conducting exit interviews with teachers tomorrow to solicit new ideas.
- ICS graduation – 28 students graduated with \$45,000 in scholarships.
- Mike discussed potential money-making idea of developing a booklet for our dedication of the CEAC. He showed an example of a dedication booklet from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

3. Excuse School Board Representative – Ray Farley left the meeting.

Old Business

1. Discernment: Comments, questions, suggestions for next year, etc.

- Contact names and phone numbers should be added to the bulletin.
- Many names come in after the “3 Minutes More.” Suggestion was made to do the “3 Minutes More” earlier in the process. This would allow individuals more time to discern before putting their name in for consideration. Comment was made that if someone puts their name in, we can assume they are willing to serve.
- Section 3 B of the Constitution has not been followed for past 2 years. Should it be taken out of the Constitution? Larry Stout indicated he will note this item for consideration next time Constitution is updated.

2. Update on Rich Curran program- Fr. Carl

- Immaculate Conception parish is approved for the year-long program.
- Program consists of 5 sessions of 3-hours each. Cost is \$700 per session for a total of \$3,500.
- Program will be conducted for Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception only. It is normally conducted for five parishes at a time.
- Program assesses strengths, needs, and goals of the parish.
- Tom Pozneski at the Belleville Diocesan Office will send schedule of dates for the program. Hopefully, we will have the schedule by our June meeting. Plan is to ramp up the program in Mid-August.
- Father Carl would like to have as many members of parish leadership participate as possible.

New Business

1. Are we comfortable that we are reaching those who need Sick & Homebound Ministry?- Larry
 - Several activities and ministries were discussed including communion services (Sunday Eucharist and Father's First Friday visits), the Knights of Columbus Card Lotto, Golden Gatherings (which include music and refreshments), Prayer Shawls, and staff lunch with homebound at Valentine's Day (instead of Christmas).
 - Discussion was tabled due to absence of Mary Beth Babcock.
2. Can we wait until August to form committee for CEAC dedication? Word is that based on progress June 30th, we will know completion date with reasonable degree of certainty.
 - Pastoral Council should collaborate with Building the Church of the Future Committee (BCOTF) and maybe the School Board. BCOTF has the dedication on its agenda for their meeting tomorrow night.
3. June Meeting after Business & Reports
 - a. Installation of new members – Third from last item
 - b. Election of officers – 6 former members, 4 new members, 2 trustees
4. Items from the floor (Do you have an item we need to consider now or at a future meeting?)
 - Need to pick date to bless Pastoral Council, including new members. Probably sometime in August.
 - Need to start discussion about priest house. Deal included 3 years free apartment rent. When this expires, rent is \$600 a month. Father Carl will contact Mark Altadonna Chairman of the Property and Facilities Committee to look into this.

Staff Reports

1. Pastor's Report
 - Father Carl stated "Into My Vineyard" participants Hope Wienhoff and Larry Stout completed their first year. During the second year, they need to complete a project for the parish. He will ask them to look at Bible/Scripture literacy. What will this look like in the parish?
 - City of Columbia scheduled a town hall in the Garden Level of Immaculate Conception on May 31 to discuss potential turn lane or Round-a-bout on Quarry Road.
2. Director of Faith Formation
 - One clarification: Meeting is on 5/31 not 5/3
3. Finance Report
 - We will need to approve budgets at the June meeting.
 - Keith will send the budgets along with his staff report (a week before the meeting).

4. Liturgy & Music Report

- No Questions.
- Discussed praying Hail Mary in Spanish at Mass. Suggestion was made to have someone say one line of prayer and have congregation repeat. This would continue until parishioners learn to say prayer.
- Discussed the Ordination: who attended, the length of the service, etc.

Pastoral Council Representatives Reminders – June, July

Parish Council Representatives				
Day	Role	Name		Notes
		June	July	
1st Sunday after 9:00 am Mass	Welcoming Rep	Lisa Barnes		
2nd Tues @ 7:00 in SH School Bldg	SH Parish Council	No Meeting? Larry Stout (if needed)	No Meeting	Give a short summary of ICC going-ons
3rd Tues @ 7:00 in ICS Room 220	School Board	Toby Ellner	No Meeting	Give a short summary of ICC going-ons
4th Tuesday @ 7:00 in ICC K of C Room	Prayer/Reflection	Lauren Powers	No Meeting	
Link to sign-up: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084bafaa28a6fd0-pastoral				

Closing prayer; Adjournment

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

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 the name of Jesus.

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

APPENDICES