

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

Attendance: P=present; A=absent

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

7:00 **Call to Order** – Lauren Powers

7:00 **Introduction/Welcoming of Guests-** Sacred Heart: Karen LaCroix  
ICS School Board: Donna Videmschek  
Additional Guests:

7:02 - **Opening Prayer & Reflection** - Keith Huels

### Opening Prayer

**As we begin this meeting with individuals who are volunteering their time and talent to forward the mission of our parish, please hear our prayers of petition so that we may grow closer to each other and to You. (Open the floor to intentions)**

**Please hear the prayers that we have lifted to You and those that we hold in our hearts.**

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:** Keith Huels

7:24 **Approval of Minutes**– October 2018 Motion to Approve passed.

7:25 **Comments from Sacred Heart Representative(s)-**

1. Comments from ICC representative to Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting- [The church decorated their hall today. The church is getting ready for the Christmas season. SH Mass – 11 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve.](#)

7:30 **Welcome School Board Representative**

1. **School Board Report** – Completed picture for dedication book. They are putting together an event for the closing of the school. Changes in curriculum will be discussed after New Year. Received a donation for the Wilson Reading program which will fund it completely. Mr. Kish has been meeting with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in reference to the Iowa testing.
2. **Principal's Report** – Builder's Club has been raising funds for the Griffith Center in East St. Louis for gifting to children for Christmas. Started the boundaries program which helps children learn where their limits are in many areas of their lives. This is for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Going to Sister Thea Bowman's on December 17<sup>th</sup>, grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> will be attending. Parents and Friends are working hard on the Christmas Craft Fair and the dinner auction which will be February 23, 2019.
3. **Excuse School Board Representative**

7:40 **Staff Reports**

1. **Pastor's Report** – January 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. will have a summary of the trip to Guatemala. New priest residence is almost completely furnished thanks to the family of a parishioner who recently passed away. Good crowd at the Thanksgiving Eve Service. We hosted it this year. Time/Talent/Treasure forms were sent out two weeks ago. Father Moore who was a pastor in Southern Illinois has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Lung Cancer. Parishioners will be receiving postcards updating everyone on church schedule throughout the months of December and January. We will be giving out the Matthew Kelly books this season. Blue books are in the pews for people to take home with them.
2. **Director of Faith Formation** – Parish Reconciliation was a success this year, again. Our revival mission will be 9/30, 10/1/ & 10/2/19. Our revival this coming year will be led by Casting Nets.
3. **Finance Report** – CEAC Committee is putting together a booklet for the dedication of the new education center. The parish office will also be sending out info to parishioners who would like to give their congratulations.  
About 1/3 of our donations are via online giving. This accounts for about 40% of our tithing. Keith is looking for vendors who might have apps to make it easier for parishioners to give.
4. **Liturgy & Music Report** – No additional report other than what was sent previously.

8:00 **Old Business**

1. **Rich Curran Homework** – Create a strategy as a parish
  - a. 3 target demographics identified by parish staff
    - i. Active Parishioners
    - ii. Moderately Active Parishioners
    - iii. Not Involved Parishioners
  - b. What will Pastoral Council do to reach identified target demographics – The staff came up with a way to bring back in the 75% of our parish that are uninvolved. This is our core mission.
  - c. Assign all ministries to a Pastoral Council member – help each ministry identify a way that they can reach each target demographic – The parish staff has not developed the target areas as of now, so this will be discussed further at the January 2019 meeting. The parish council has requested that each member come up with some ideas of a ways to bring more participation to our parish. Council members (including remarks from School rep and Sacred Heart rep) shared some ideas and are asked to send additional suggestions to Lizanne.
2. **Priest Residence** –
  - a. Closed on residence and Fr. Carl has moved – Father is very appreciative of all the help he received in moving into his new residence.

8:30 **New Business**

1. **Stewardship of Charity** – February 10, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.

- a. Larry Stout to inform the PC of process and introduce document he created to facilitate the process – [All in attendance received a copy of the Stewardship of Charity Issues & Plans 2019.](#)
  - b. Volunteers needed for the event – [We will have a 3 minutes more, bulletin cover and have a Facebook event.](#)
2. Rich Curran Next Session is January 22, 2018 (Same time as scheduled Pastoral Council Meeting) – [Begins at 6:30 p.m.](#)
  3. Set alternate Pastoral Council Meeting date in January if necessary – [If something comes up before that night, Lauren will notify each member of a meeting date/time. Otherwise the Rich Curran session will be our January meeting.](#)
  4. Items from the floor (Do you have an item we need to consider now or at a future meeting?) [None.](#)

### Pastoral Council Representatives Reminders

Parish Council Representatives					
Day	Role	Name			Notes
		Dec	Jan	Feb	
1st Sunday after 9:00 am Mass	Welcoming Rep	Larry Stout	<a href="#">Rich Southard</a>		
2nd Tues @ 7:00 in SH School Bldg	SH Parish Council	X	<a href="#">Teresa Dorshorst</a>		Give a short summary of ICC going-ons
3rd Tues @ 7:00 in ICS Room 220	School Board	<a href="#">Larry Stout</a>			Give a short summary of ICC going-ons
4th Tuesday @ 7:00 in ICC K of C Room	Prayer/Reflection	X	X		
Link to sign-up: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084bafaa28a6fd0-pastoral">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084bafaa28a6fd0-pastoral</a>					

### 9:10 p.m. Closing prayer; Adjournment

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

Good and gracious God, we ask your blessing upon our efforts to reach out to others. Help us to live up to our baptismal call to spread the love of Christ to all those we encounter.

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