

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

## Immaculate Conception Church DRAFT Pastoral Council Minutes October 27, 2020

Attendance: P=present; A=absent

P	Adams, John (Member)	P	Wuertz, Cheri (Member)	P	Toenjes, Dona (Trustee)
P	Barnes, Lisa (Member)	P	Ott, Bill (Member)	--	Wienhoff, Hope (Staff)
P	Bodinet, Dave (Member)	A	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)		
--	Lundy, Karen (Staff)	P	Stout, Larry (Member)		

**7:00 Call to Order** – Teresa Dorshorst

**7:00 Introduction/Welcoming of Guests-** Sacred Heart: Melanie Curtis  
ICS School Board: Trish Adams  
Additional Guests:

**7:10 Opening Prayer & Reflection** – Cheri Wuertz

**Opening Prayer:**

**Reflection:**

**7:25 Approval of Minutes**– September 2020 –

**7:30 Comments from Sacred Heart Representative(s)**-Cancel Christmas party due to covid concerns. Many elderly in parish. Attendance is down with the elderly being absent. Nervous how to do midnight mass. Get an idea of attendees, including family visitors. Still discussing how to do Christmas. Covid mass capacity 75 people.

**7:45 Welcome School Board Representative**

1. School Board Report – Things going well thanks to Mr Kish, faculty and staff. Open 5 days a week. Outdoor band concert Sunday. People listened on car radios or stood near cars. Kids played before family. PT conferences by zoom, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Mr Kish had first virtual field trip to Monroe Co sites for 8<sup>th</sup> graders--slides. Walk to cemetery. Great start. Thinking about spring 2021 DC trip. Fundraising will start soon.
2. Principal's Report – Mike Kish-Appreciate Board's help, surveys, plans to make as normal a year as possible. HVAC includes fans that to capture and kill viruses. Fever scanner. Having open gym. Want to maintain cohorts. 8<sup>th</sup> grade not interested, but younger grades are. November 5 will see whether basketball will start. State closing region because of Covid. Want some normalcy and things to look forward to. Be ready in case we can go to DC. Baptism project, starting w/Baptism of the Lord. Dress down on date of your baptism. Mrs. Epplin will help with that. Wall hangings need to be hung. All Souls Mass Monday. Book of Deceased? A child lost a grandfather to Covid  
(Excuse School Board Rep)

**7:45 Staff Reports (If available)**

1. Pastor's Report – Fr. Carl – Vocation Awareness Week. Fr Nick prepared a prayer being used at masses this week and will be printed in bulletin. \$20,000 sent to Sr Thea Bowman. Ordering donor recognition board for CEAC. Can add names. Still in 7 year campaign. New lights on parking lots.

Getting more lights on driveway. New parish directories and ministry catalogue coming out next week by mail Stewardship Commitment form enclosed. Due to be returned in January. PSR and ICS theme "Open Wide Our Hearts." SVdP will insert annual report in bulletin this week. SVdP will make contact within 48 hours of call to them. Letters to homebound each month. Angie wrote nice letter. 4<sup>th</sup> graders decorated envelopes. Great to have school going full speed ahead. Kudos to Mike and staff. Great concert. 8<sup>th</sup> graders enjoy eating in garden level. CSMA-campaign. Reminder for fall/Thanksgiving time.

One can ask Fr for holy water.

Fr Nick—OCP Breaking Bread hymnals. What comes with this licensing. Fr Nick is working with Karen. Ordered new Christmas trees we will see in Advent. Overflow Christmas mass in gym. Extra set of décor available. Ministry Scheduler Pro software can put all ministries in a program. People can select "jobs" and mass times they prefer. Can request a sub, etc. Program can autofill. Tuesday adoration, 5-10 people. Fr Nick suggests more of a focus, dedicated theme for an hour of adoration. Musicians. Fr Nick is willing to be available for confessions, short talk on eucharist, benediction at the end. Try to start during Advent. Men in ACTS retreat want to use musical talents in parish setting. Starting young adult group (20s-30s), meeting on Mondays. Theology topic. Some one can present and then discussion. Open to become Theology on Tap next May/June. See if Sunset Overlook would allow us the patio and a mic. Giving people permission to talk about God. Next Wed open discussion. Will put in bulletin.

2. Director of Faith Formation – Lizanne Young
3. Finance Report – Keith Huels . Collections remain good. A 3% increase. Online giving increased by 1/3. Through first 4 months we are up 2% over last year. Better than we could have anticipated. How to keep people engaged with pledges. ICS families reminded of pledge v actual near end of the year. Need to do parish wide. We've done semi-annual reports for all the parish. Every one will receive year end tax statements. We want to remind people of their commitments made. Things going well with school.
4. Liturgy & Music Report – Fr Nick [see above]

### **8:05 Old Business**

5. Update from John Adams on Stewardship of Charity---John would like to thank Larry for his copious notes with excellent timelines. Scheduled this room for Feb 14 at noon. TEC Retreat is at ICS. Need to check. Submit nominated group in advance to determine eligibility of charity meeting Catholic moral criterion. Work out timeline for nomination, review and approve it for the 14<sup>th</sup>. Could we get an insert in the bulletin? Could describe on parish web site. Thinking of having people register to participate in virtual voting event. Specify limited time frame for voting on Feb 14, using a tool like Survey Monkey. John took notes of various ideas.

2. Update on 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee—Get together next week to develop ideas. Date & time not set. Start with bulletin content. When parish started and early history of parish, its beginnings. Artist rendering of original buildings. Every few weeks, take a timeframe/era and do a segment on that. Mike had great ideas of doing scavenger hunt to find out interesting connections within Columbia. Cemetery specifically. Happy to hear about creative ideas. Art/environment committee put folks together on banner. Picking Mike's brain as our expert on parish history.

### **8:15 New Business**

**No New Business**

**Pastoral Council Representatives Reminders –**

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

**Next Meeting November 24, 2020**

**8:30 Closing prayer; Adjournment**

**Within the past few weeks, our church has lost some wonderful parish family members. In light of that, I chose a prayer to help us grow in our faith, hope and love. Prayer to Saint Martha the sister of Mary and Lazarus**

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

O blessed St. Martha, your faith led Jesus to proclaim, “I am the resurrection and the life”; and faith let you see beyond his humanity when you cried out, “Lord I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” With firm hope you said, I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him, and Jesus called your brother Lazarus back from the dead. With pure love for Jesus you welcomed him into your home. Friend and servant of our Savior, I too am “troubled about many things.” (Pause for a silent prayer)

Pray for me that I may grow in faith, hope and love, and that Jesus, who sat at your table, will hear me and grant me a place at the banquet of eternal life. Amen