



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

December 1, 2021

Beth Mahler called the meeting to order about 7:39 PM and Janet Wilks led the members in an opening prayer.

Attendees: Frank Copeland, Dan Costello, Jim Emley, Lisa Galden, Father Matt Hoover, Alison King, Beth Mahler, Sarah Moore, Matt Stratton and Janet Wilks.

Commissions Review- Parish Ministries Booklets (for new parishioners/welcome package and available at the Welcome Desk) were passed out to all council members. Commissions will continue to review and update the information at future meetings so the booklet will be ready to distribute again.

3 Commissions - 1-2 Minute Reports

Faith Formation and Spiritual Life Commission - Janet Wilks reported that the commission is taking care of the last details for the Immaculate Conception Triduum, Dec. 6 - 8. Lisa Galden said a survey will be used to try to gauge the impact of the event and to determine what changes might be in order for next year.

Parish and Community Life Commission - Alison King reported on the ongoing efforts to gain current information for the parish ministries booklet and the parish website. A search bar for the website would be very helpful. Allison continues coordinating Hospitality Sundays, the next being this upcoming Sunday, December 5.

Social Concerns Commission - Dan Costello reported that efforts to communicate and connect parish ministries continues. One of the goals of these efforts is to have an effective, coordinated response to those in need. He also noted the the good news that 4,000 pounds of food was collected in the parish food drive.

Pastor Announcements

Father said that the Evangelical Catholic/Pilot Program is moving forward. It will be important for Parish Commissions and Council to be very involved in this initiative.

Proposal

-“RCIA for Catholics,” coordinators: Heather MacKinnon and April Byrne

Copies of the proposal were distributed to all council members. Beth Mahler, Janet Wilks and Lisa Galden explained some of the details and answered questions. Some discussion revolved around the name, "RCIA for Catholics." They said the name is not etched in stone, that this effort is also referred to as "Rediscover Faith" and that this is the aim, for parishioners to completely appreciate and embrace the beauty and profound truth of our faith. The initiative is proposed to be run similarly to ALPHA and be centered around Father John Riccardo's audio recordings.

Alison King motioned that the proposal be approved. Dan Costello seconded. The proposal passed unanimously and Fr. Matt accepted it.

Father Matt cautioned that the timing of this effort will be challenging, as Marian Hall is a much in demand venue and several ministries and groups have reserved it.

New business for 2022

Father Matt reminded council that preparations are continuing for the Evangelical Catholic/Pilot Program which received a \$10,000 grant from the Catholic Foundation. This will be a three year program running over successive falls and springs.

Deanery Report

Mike Julian was not present at the meeting and is recovering from illness. The Grief Ministry is hosting a "Grief over the Holidays" event and the Grief Ministry will reconvene in January.

Adjourn

Beth Mahler moved to adjourn and Lisa Galden seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 8:42 PM.

Next meeting: February 9, 2021, Commissions start at 6:30pm in Marian Hall, All parishioners are welcome.

Meeting minutes drafted and submitted by Frank Copeland, Parish Pastoral Council Secretary.

Action items for the approved proposal:

- 1) Test/confirm audio for the "RCIA for Catholics" sessions
- 2) Determine appropriate name/marketing for "RCIA for Catholics" sessions to drive engagement
- 3) Determine scheduling for "RCIA for Catholics" to fit with existing programs schedules (preferably by January- IC staff will coordinate with proposal sponsors)

Council President Beth Mahler will contact proposal sponsors; Heather MacKinnon and April Byrne, to address these items in the next two weeks.