



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Leading People to Jesus Through Worship, Community, Service
and Devotion to Mary

Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

November 10, 2021

Beth Mahler called the meeting to order about 7:42 PM and Alison King led the members in an opening prayer.

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

Real Presence Real Future

Mary Ann Rivera, RPRF parish leader, will speak at Masses the weekend of November 13-14. Council members and RPRF Leader Team will be available after Masses in the Gathering Space to answer questions and encourage feedback by November 19. Change is coming.

Proposal Update: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception Triduum

Preparations are continuing for the IC community's three day celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Handouts promoting the events of December 6, 7 and 8 will be distributed Sunday, December 5.

3 Commissions - 1-2 Minute Reports

Faith Formation and Spiritual Life Commission - Janet Wilks reported that the commission is still hammering out details on a proposal that has been in the works several months. April Byrne and Heather MacKinnon continue to deliberate and work with the commission, which anticipates its formal introduction of the proposal next month. Faith Formation also discussed methods to interface and make connections between the school and the parish's ministries. Also ways to organize and engage parishioners in bringing up the gifts at the offertory during Sunday Masses were discussed.

Parish and Community Life Commission - Alison King reported on efforts to reach out to all parish ministries to gain current information that would be published in a parish ministries booklet which would be available for new parishioners at the welcome desk. Other ways to welcome new parishioners were discussed. The school welcomes new students and their families; the parish needs to try to do the same with our new parishioners.

Social Concerns Commission - Dan Costello was pleased to report that nine people attended the Social Concerns Commission at this meeting including three members from the IC BREAD Team, Mary Ann Grossman, Ed Hoffman and Rosemary Williams. They presented an overview of BREAD's mission and the current campaigns the group is working on in pursuit of a more socially just community in Columbus. Dan also said Erin Cordle from the Diocesan Office of Social Concerns gave our

Giving Tuesday recipient, Community Mediation Services, a glowing recommendation, and that support for all Respect Life ministries like Walking with Moms in Need and Mommies Matter would continue and hopefully expand.

Pastor Announcements

Father repeated the announcement that he made in the Commissions Meeting that Community Mediation Services would be the parish's Giving Tuesday recipient and that the organization would be connecting with the parish in the near future to further promote their cause.

Commissions Parish Pastoral Council Goal-support and relationship building

Beth distributed updated lists for the current contacts of each parish ministry.

Discussions focused on ways to welcome new parishioners and visitors, as well as engage more parishioners in ministries. Whether people who come in off the street or families of the newly baptized, we want them to all feel welcome. The issue of the parish ministries booklet came up. Father Matt suggested that a basic description of each ministry be published in the brochure and contact information (which changes fairly regularly) could be included in an addendum or insert. Greeters are regarded as essential and it was suggested to expand this ministry and have them wear name tags. A few parishioners are very active in ministries, but we need to find new ways to engage and recruit church members into ministry leadership positions.

Deanery Report

Mike Julian was not present at the meeting.

Adjourn

Alison King moved to adjourn and Sarah Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 8:29 PM.

Next meeting: December 1, 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.