



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

### Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

September 8, 2021

Beth Mahler called the meeting to order about 7:35 PM and 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.

#### Beginning of the Year Housekeeping

Beth Mahler distributed lists of the meeting dates for the 2021-2022 Parish Council, Commissions and Executive Council and corresponding proposal deadlines for Council Meeting agendas, as well as prayer leaders for each meeting date. The Real Presence Real Future (RPRF) Town Hall Meetings were highlighted in the list as critically important.

Frank Copeland will serve as Council Secretary for the 2021-2022 year.

For this upcoming year, the commissions selected the following for chairperson and secretary:

#### **Social Concerns**

Jim Emley, Chairperson

Dan Costello (temporary secretary until a permanent one is named), Secretary

#### **Faith Formation and Spiritual Life**

Janet Wilks, Chairperson

Martha Bowling, Secretary

#### **Parish and Community Life**

Alison King, Chairperson

Matt Stratton, Secretary

#### Pastor Updates

Father Matt stressed the importance of Parish Pastoral Council. It began in 2016 in Immaculate Conception, the first time in the 21st Century. Guidelines are available spelling out council's structure and its pivotal role in the running of the parish.

With the RPRF town hall meetings in just a few weeks (September 28 and 30), now is a critical time for the diocese in general and Immaculate Conception in particular. Parish Pastoral Council will have a very important say in how we move forward. Janet Wilks suggested that each one present invite three parishioners to the RPRF meeting.

### 3 Commissions - 1 Minute Reports

Social Concerns Commission - Jim Emley stated that they need more representation, but it is proceeding ahead with the Respect Life initiative.

Parish and Community Life Commission - Alison King reported that the Women's Club will share some of the load of carrying the Welcoming Ministry especially Hospitality Sundays.

Faith Formation and Spiritual Life Commission - Janet Wilks reported that efforts are ongoing to make the Feast of the Immaculate Conception a bigger, more celebratory event that will hopefully grow in meaning and community building each year.

### Hospitality/Ministry Sundays

Beth Mahler announced that the Men's Group (That Man is You/TMIY) will host the first Hospitality Sunday on September 19. Alison King explained that one person had been heading up the Hospitality Sundays for years, and when she retired, the operation hit various snags. However, Alison is taking over as Hospitality Sunday coordinator, and she will help groups run the Hospitality Sundays. Commission leaders will invite ministry leaders to attend and share with parishioners information about their ministry and invite them to attend/join.

### Publicizing Parish Commissions/Council Structures and Processes

Beth Mahler stated that it is important to communicate to the parish what Council and Commissions are all about. Alison King noted that the Initial Hospitality Sunday on the 19th is going to be a showcase for Parish Pastoral Council, Commissions, and various parish groups who operate under the Commissions to introduce themselves to parishioners.

### Deanery Report

Mike Julian was not present at the meeting. Fr. Matt shared information about the North Deanery.

### Adjourn

Alison King moved to adjourn and Janet Wilks seconded. The motion passed unanimously around 8:40.

*Next meeting: October 13, 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.