



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – September 14, 2022

Lisa Galden called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and lead the members in an opening prayer.

Attendees: Martha Bowling, Jim Emley, Lisa Galden, Fr. Matt Hoover, Alison King, Sarah Moore.

Martha Bowling, new Parish Council Member from Faith Formation and Spiritual Life Commission, was welcomed to Parish Council to serve from 2022-2025.

Immediate Priority Items

- Lisa Galden reported two council members are still needed to serve a three year term (2022 – 2025) to represent Social Concerns and Parish & Community Life commissions. Council members were asked to nominate at least one person by September 30 and send the name to Dan Costello and Lisa Galden.
- A Council Secretary is needed to serve for the 2022-2023 year. Responsibilities of the Parish Council Secretary were discussed, including the approval process and due date for meeting minutes.
- Commission Chairpersons and Commission Secretaries need to be identified by the October 2022 Commission Meeting

Current Proposals & Event Plans

- Jim Emley gave an update on the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store trailer, scheduled to be in the IC parking lot from Friday, September 30 to Sunday, October 2, but only open to accept donations at specific times, which will be posted in promotional materials. The trailer will be open *after* Masses that weekend and drop-off of items when the trailer is closed will be discouraged.
- Pizza with Parish Commissions is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12. Sarah Moore and Alison King volunteered for planning and promotion of this event, which is an opportunity to welcome all parishioners and ministry leaders to a Commission Meeting, be participants in upcoming events, and provide feedback on important parish matters. The meeting will have an earlier start time of 6:15 to allow time for food and fellowship.
- Lisa Galden gave an update on the speaker planned for the Immaculate Conception Triduum in December. Dr. Edward Sri is unable to attend, so another speaker is being sought to give a talk about Our Blessed Mother for Wednesday, December 7. Speaker recommendations are welcome and should be sent to Lisa Galden. Fr. Matt suggested inviting a local speaker from one of the religious orders or communities in the diocese.
- Martha Bowling discussed her proposal for the parish to offer Faith Materials for Children to engage children at Mass to know God the Father, Jesus, and Mary. The proposal

includes offering 1) activity pages related to the Sunday Mass readings, 2) small figures of biblical characters, 3) erasable flipchart listing parts of the Mass and items of worship in the church, and 4) small paperback and board books with biblical stories. Items would be made available in the gathering space before Mass from a wooden bookshelf and would be returned at the conclusion of Mass (except for the activity pages). Volunteers would be scheduled for set-up, guidance, and cleaning of items. Council members asked questions and discussed the proposal. The topic will be added to the October Council meeting for further discussion.

1-2 Minute Reports from the Three Commissions

- Faith Formation and Spiritual Life: Five new people attended the commission meeting
- Parish and Community Life: No updates at this first meeting
- Social Concerns: On fifth Sundays, St. Vincent de Paul representatives will distribute cards with information for those in need of assistance and on the reverse side, how to make a donation. An idea was presented to the Social Concerns Commission from IC School for possible proposal submission to collect clothing for pregnant women and babies. A formal proposal and Commission approval is needed before presentation to Parish Council for consideration.

Upcoming / Pending Topics and Events

- Lisa shared a handout with possible goals for the 2022-2023 year, first discussed at the August Meet and Greet. Council Members were asked to consider these goals and bringing forth any additional ideas at the next Council Meeting.
- Lisa shared survey results from Ministry Leaders and Parish Council Members about ENGAGE @ IC. The majority of respondents preferred next year's event be held the weekend after Labor Day in September 2023, so this weekend will be requested on the Parish Calendar. Feedback about improvement opportunities will be considered in planning for next year's event. The event is a Parish Council lead event with support from the parish office. Notifications to Ministry Leaders should begin in May of 2023, prior to the summer break, to allow ministries more time for preparation.

North High Deanery Report – There was no report this month.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Next Meeting

- The next Commission meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. All parishioners, ministry leaders, and school parents are invited for pizza and to join in on commission discussions.
- The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Lisa Galden will be prayer leader.

Action Items for Parish Council Members:

- Nominate at least one person by September 30 to be considered for Parish Council Representative for Social Concerns and Parish and Community Life Commissions. Send your nomination to Dan Costello, dancolls@aol.com and Lisa Galden, lisapizza120@gmail.com
- Prayerfully consider the Parish Council Secretary role
- Each Commission must select a Commission Chairperson and Commission Secretary by the Oct 12th meeting
- Consider any additional goals for Parish Council for 2022-2023 year

Meeting minutes drafted and submitted by Lisa Galden, Parish Pastoral Council Vice President