



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – October 12, 2022

**In Attendance:** Lisa Galden, Alison King, Martha Bowling, Sarah Moore, Janet Wilks, Jim Emley, Deacon Chris Campbell, Fr. Matt Hoover

Lisa Galden called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM and led the council in prayer

#### Commission and Council housekeeping items

- Chairperson/Secretary for each commission
  - Parish & Community Life – Sarah Moore/Christine Demko
  - Social Concerns – Marianne Grossman/Jim Emley (for now)
  - Faith Formation & Spiritual Life – Michelle Gill/Janet Wilks
- Still in need of two council members – from Social Concerns and Parish & Community Life, Fr. Hoover and council members are continuing these efforts
- Still in need of Council Secretary – discussed rotating this duty throughout the council members

#### Council Goals

- Be a welcoming parish to all – discussion included attending events at other parishes and inviting their congregations to our events
- Build participation in Commissions, Ministries, and Programs – discussion included encouraging all to “use your voice” at commission meetings and a ministry spotlight in the bulletin (it was suggested that a template be sent out to all ministry leaders through the commission chairpersons)
- Increase communication between Ministry leaders, Commissions, Council and Parish Staff – discussion included a monthly newsletter (although this idea has been put on hold for now), a council email address, and coordinating a point person to work with parish staff without being overwhelming

#### Commission Reports

- Parish & Community Life – updates from Women’s Club, Gardening Club and Funeral Lunch Ministries
- Social Concerns – updates from StVdP (possible return of trailer in Feb), hoping to bring forth a proposal for the next council meeting
- Faith Formation & Spiritual Life – update on watching The Chosen at Marcus Theater in late November

## **Providing Children's Materials at Mass Proposal**

- A proposal was brought forth from the Faith Formation & Spiritual Life Commission regarding providing materials to engage young children at mass (religious books, figurines, children's bulletin, etc.). The materials would be distributed, cleaned, and maintained by parent volunteers at each mass.
- A motion was made by Alison King, seconded by Jim Emley. Those in favor – Sarah Moore, Lisa Galden, Alison King, Martha Bowling, Jim Emley, Janet Wilks. None opposed.
- Council made the recommendation to approve the proposal. Father accepted the recommendation of council with some concerns about storage and parent involvement that need to be addressed with parish staff and those involved in the ministry.

It was discussed that there is a need for a Pre-school Sunday School during mass, however there have been challenges with getting volunteers to lead/participate in this ministry

**North High Deanery** – no update this month

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM after a motion by Sarah Moore, a second by Martha Bowling, and all those in attendance in agreement.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 9 @ 7:30 PM** – Alison King will be the prayer leader.

### **Action Items for Parish Council Members and Parish Staff:**

- Parish Staff and Martha Bowling (with other members of the new ministry) must work together to formulate a plan for storage of the Children's Mass Engagement Materials.
- Prayerfully consider the role of Parish Council Secretary.
- Nominate additional members of the parish to serve on the Parish Council as representatives from Community Life and Social Concerns

Meeting minutes drafted by Alison King.