



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Meeting March 20, 2024

Rich Viertel called the Parish Council meeting to order at 7:30pm; Sarah Berlin Moore led the members in an opening prayer.

Attendees: Fr. Matt Hoover, Deacon Chris Campbell, Principal Colleen Kent, Rich Viertel, Sarah Berlin Moore, Kendra Girardot, Jim Emley, Paula Mong, and Julie Clemens.

Not present: Lisa Galden and Janet Wilks.

Old Business

New Parishioner Welcome Gathering

Due to a potential conflict with a parish picnic in June, the Council agreed to move the date of the New Parishioner Welcome Gathering to autumn. Council also agreed that holding the event on a Sunday after Mass would most likely present fewer scheduling conflicts and result in higher attendance. Approximately sixty-eight new members or families (roughly 130 people) have joined the parish since September 2021. Paula and the Parish and Community Life Commission will continue to plan the event.

Being a Listening Church

Council members discussed that they would like to hear more perspectives from diverse groups within the IC community, with the intent to better support the needs of these groups. IC Spanish Teacher, Marjorie Prince will give a 10-minute talk about communities represented at IC and their needs during the Commission meeting on April 10th. In addition to inviting representatives from diverse groups to speak during Commission meetings, other IC events may present opportunities to collect a wide array of perspectives from parishioners.

ENGAGE@IC

ENGAGE@IC will take place on August 10 and 11. The school Supply Sale and Hospitality Sunday will be happening simultaneously. Council considered ways to draw people to this event, which included posting classroom lists in Marian Hall, giving away IC t-shirts to those who collect tickets or stamps (for a passport). Council will continue their discussion of how to increase parishioner interest and participation at the next meeting.

New Business

Parish Picnic on Corpus Christi Sunday

Council members addressed a suggestion made during the Commission meeting to re-establish the annual parish picnic held on Corpus Christi Sunday. Two commission groups were in favor of having the picnic; the third group abstained. This year the Mass and procession will be on June 2nd. If the weather is favorable, as many as 150 parishioners could attend. Council members decided to move forward with the event and will consider food, set-up, expenses, and other items during the April meeting.

Disciplemaker Index Survey

Fr. Matt informed Council members that IC will participate for a second time in the Disciplemaker Index Survey. Council began consideration of how to promote the survey to parishioners, as well as how to process and distribute the survey data upon its completion. The survey will give Commission and Council members a better picture of where things stand in the parish and, overall, how the parish is doing. A question was raised about whether data from the prior survey would be provided as a point of comparison and Fr. Matt agreed to ask the company about it. Data collected from IC will be tied to a national survey. Last time, participation from IC parishioners was good.

Parish Commissions' Reports

Rich asked for Commission Updates. The Faith Formation and Spiritual Life Commission discussed ideas for the IC Triduum in December. The Parish and Community Life Commission talked about the New Parishioner Welcome Gathering and a Parish Trivia Night. They want to gather best practices from other Trivia Night events. Colleen has a couple of contacts who have hosted Trivia Nights in the past and will give them to Paula. The Social Concerns Commission introduced a new attendee to their programs and activities.

Closing and Next Meeting

Rich called the Council meeting to a close. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm. The next Council meeting will be on April 10, 2024.

Meeting minutes drafted and submitted by Julie Clemens, Parish Council Secretary.