



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Meeting April 10, 2024

Lisa Galden called the Parish Council meeting to order at 7:37pm; Rich Viertel led the members in an opening prayer.

Attendees: Fr. Matt Hoover, Deacon Chris Campbell, Principal Colleen Kent, Lisa Galden, Rich Viertel, Sarah Berlin Moore, Kendra Girardot, Jim Emley, Paula Mong, Janet Wilks, and Julie Clemens. Not present: N/A

Old Business

Being a Welcoming Community / Being a Listening Church

Council discussed the presentation given by Marjorie Prince (IC Spanish teacher). They agreed with Ms. Prince that it is important to personalize the outreach in our parish so that new members feel “seen” and welcomed. All parish members, but especially those in Parish leadership, should be deliberate in introducing themselves to new people at church and in the parish community. Ms. Prince also suggested posting photos of new families and council agreed this is a good idea. Ms. Prince’s email is: mprince@cdeducation.org.

Future speakers: Paula has a recommendation for a speaker from the Clintonville Resource Center. Council agreed to schedule the speaker for a Commission meeting in the fall.

Parish Picnic on Corpus Christi Sunday (June 2nd)

The Knights of Columbus have agreed to do the grilling for the picnic. The Parish & Community Life Commission will ask appropriate IC clubs for their volunteer support. In the event of inclement weather, the picnic can be moved inside to Marian Hall. Rich will make a list of everything needed for the picnic and discuss it at the next meeting.

ENGAGE@IC

Council continued their discussion of ways to increase parishioner interest in service activities. A suggestion was made to send an email with each of the Parish Commissions and other service opportunities listed; recipients could click on activities of interest to them and return the email. Leadership from service groups could make follow-up phone calls to those who expressed an interest in their group. An example of a “Service Commitment Card” was also shared with Council. The Service Commitment Card could be given to parishioners before ENGAGE@IC to

allow time to discern activities of interest to them. During ENGAGE@IC, parishioners could use the card to guide them with their questions and record their final selections before returning it to the IC office. A suggestion was made that the Service Commitment Card could also be sent to parishioners each year with the IC offertory commitment cards.

New Parishioner Welcome Gathering

The New Parishioner Welcome Gathering will be on a Sunday after Mass in September. (Fr. Matt will be on sabbatical at this time, however, and Council may need to reconsider the date.) Paula and the Parish & Community Life Commission will continue to plan the event.

New Business

Ministry Succession Planning / New Member Nominations, Parish Pastoral Council 2024-25

Fr. Matt will be on sabbatical during the months of September, October, and November. During this time Fr. Jerry Rodenfels will lead the Parish.

The end of tenure for the current Council President, Lisa Galden, and two other members, Jim Emley and Sarah Berlin Moore, is coming up in June 2024. The new President and members will begin their terms in September.

Council reviewed a member nomination form that has been used in the past. Lisa and Rich agreed to adapt it for the IC bulletin. The form will focus on asking parishioners to make recommendations for the open roles.

Parish Commissions' Reports

Lisa asked for Commission Updates. The Faith Formation & Spiritual Life Commission heard from Mary Ann Rivera about potential upcoming IC activities: The Chosen viewings during the summer; Rescue Project in the fall; and the Bring One Back initiative beginning in July with the Eucharistic Year of Mission. The Parish & Community Life Commission planned for upcoming events: First Communion on April 27th (IC Women's Club hosting); Corpus Christi picnic; New Parishioner Welcome Gathering; and the Food Truck event on May 10th (Council members will volunteer at the dessert booth and Sarah will handle the signup process). The Social Concerns Commission discussed that free clothing is now available to walk-ins at 578 E. Main St. (right behind JOIN). Jim plans to contact Marjorie Prince about involving the IC Students for Peace & Justice in work with St. Vincent's. The Parish gave generously to the Fifth Sunday collection.

Closing and Next Meeting

Lisa called the Council meeting to a close. The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm. The next Council meeting will be on May 8, 2024.

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