



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

May 11, 2022

Beth Mahler called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and Jim Emley led the members in an opening prayer.

Attendees: Frank Copeland, Dan Costello, Jim Emley, Lisa Galden, Father Matt Hoover, Mike Julian, Alison King, Beth Mahler, Sarah Moore, Matt Stratton and Janet Wilks.

2022-2023 Pastoral Council New Representative Nominee

Beth nominated Martha Bowling to serve as Council's new representative from the Faith Formation Commission. Martha's nomination was accepted and she will serve a 3-year term. Social Concerns and Community Life still needs to nominate a new representative.

HASA Event Recap

Lisa Galden reported that the Home and School Association (HASA) food truck event was a major success. In spite of inclement weather, two of the three food trucks sold out of their primary offerings and attendance was excellent. Due to this success, the event is being considered to be held annually or even twice a year.

New Parishioner Events Follow-up

Matt Stratton reported that the New Parishioner event would be targeted to welcoming parishioners who have joined the parish in the last two to three years either through RCIA or simply new registrations. The goals would include orienting new parishioners to all that Immaculate Conception has to offer (ministries, services, etc.) as well as building a sense of community. Drinks and dinner would be provided in Marian Hall on a suitable Friday evening with activities for the children. Jacob Lammers could develop a power point presentation that might run on a loop featuring IC ministries, commissions and events. In addition, "swag bags" containing items like IC magnets, bumper stickers, and booklets telling the story of Immaculate Conception's stained glass windows. Some details like an exact date, RSVP's and access to the gym remain to be determined.

Commission Reports

Parish & Community Life

Alison King reported that their commission time was spent in discussing the New Parishioners Event detailed above.

Faith Formation & Spiritual Life

Janet Wilks reported that work was continuing in preparation for the second celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the IC Triduum. Dr. Edward Sri is a potential speaker for the 2022 celebration. The Faith Formation and Family Life Commission also discussed inviting Bishop-elect Earl Fernandez to speak at the occasion.

Social Concerns

Dan Costello reported that the commission discussed the importance of reaching out to young mothers through organizations like Mommies Matter and connecting with Erin Cordle, Associate Director for the diocesan Office of Social Concerns, to explore other ways to show respect for life on all levels.

Jim Emley explained that Immaculate Conception's St. Vincent de Paul chapter has put together a proposal that would enhance the organization's visibility. The proposal includes having St. Vincent de Paul members collecting donations in person at the church exits on the 5th Sunday collections, placing food collection boxes strategically around church exits, and host a donation trailer from SVdP Thrift Store parked on campus twice a year.

Frank Copeland reported that the IC B.R.E.A.D. (Building Responsibility, Equality and Dignity) Team sponsored a bus that took parishioners to the Nehemiah Action meeting Tuesday, May 10th at the Celeste Center. The bus helped take 25 parishioners and some members of East North Broadway United Methodist Church to and from IC for the event.

Pastor Announcements

Married Couples Ministry

Father Matt reported that a Couples Cookout will be aimed at newly married couples and engaged couples. This marriage ministry will be spearheaded by two young IC couples.

Evangelical Catholic

The training for Evangelical Catholic continues. Ten parishioners have begun the first training. The next stage will be in fall, the beginning of October, an exciting time of sending out trained parishioners and expanding this ministry.

Proposals

Janet Wilks reported that Faith Formation Commission accepted a proposal from Jim Andracki and the IC Knights for a Saint Joseph Icon Event that would be tailored similarly to the Immaculate Conception Triduum celebration. The proposed event would begin Thursday, September 22 of this year and run through Sunday, the 25th. Following the Saturday vigil Mass, Deacon Campbell will speak about St. Joseph with a pizza dinner afterwards. Father Matt pointed out that children could be engaged in hands on activities that could create something, perhaps a cross, that would be a meaningful and tangible reminder of the experience.

Alison King moved to accept the proposal. Sarah Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Galden introduced the No Greater Love proposal for Lent of 2023. This event is built around a six-part study with a half hour video of the same name created by Dr. Edward Sri. The video would run in Marian Hall in the interim time between the two morning Masses. After watching the video, parishioners would discuss in breakout groups. This Lenten program would begin the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Combining No Greater love with Hospitality Sunday could make for an energetic synergy.

Frank Copeland moved to accept the proposal. Beth Mahler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Faith Formation Commission also proposed the Meaningful Materials for Children During Mass. Martha Bowling is heading up this proposal that would supply children with materials to engage them during Mass. The proposal was discussed but not voted on.

Father Tony's 50th Anniversary Gift from Council

After discussion, it was decided that council members would give a monetary gift to be presented to Father Tony at his celebration on Sunday, May 29.

North High Deanery Report

Mike Julian reported that the deanery wrapped up a very successful bereavement ministry that served 18 people at Marian Hall. The Catholic Foundation is supporting this ministry with an account specifically dedicated to bereavement.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Next meeting: June 8, 2022, Commissions start at 6:30 p.m. in Marian Hall, All parishioners are welcome.

Meeting minutes drafted and submitted by Frank Copeland, Parish Pastoral Council Secretary.

Action Items for the approved proposals:

- 1) Meeting with church staff to reserve church space for the events discussed above
- 2) Determining caterer for new member/RCIA welcome event
- 3) Other details may need to be addressed and coordinated with the parish office