

Immaculate Conception Church & School

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. The Council members began the meeting with prayer. Steve Smith challenged the council to think about how we personally fulfill our parish mission statement and if we were accused of being a Christian disciple would there be enough evidence to convict.

Members in attendance: Father John Mitchell, Steve Smith, Kathy Fraser, Stacy McVary, Charles Karanja, Marcus Paulson and Sandy Sichak.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: The Council approved the Minutes of September 28, 2017.

Financial/Administration Report: Copies of the Profit and Loss Summary, July-September, 2017, were handed out and discussed. The cash flow is very tight which in comparison to other years, is happening earlier this year. Envelope contributions are down.

The Fun Fest final numbers are being tallied and the report is being finalized. The Fun Fest Committee is waiting for some sponsorship funds. It appears the net profit will be approximately \$63,000.00.

Pastoral Ministry Report:

Complete since last month

- Chose a speaker for our Women's Retreat (Angela Lambert) Saturday, March 3, 2018
- Anointing Mass October 3, 1:00 pm Reception followed (attended by about 50 people)
- Immigration Talk, speaker Satveer Chaudhary (attended by 30 people)
- 40 Days for Life-prayer at Planned Parenthood (attended by 29 people)

Preparing

- Memorial Service to be held on November 2nd
- Sock Drive to be held the weekend of October 28 & 29

Giving

- Tree
- 3 deaths with one funeral Mass held at IC (November 3), 2 services were held at the funeral home

Education Report:

Updates:

- We have 148 students registered for the school year. We continue to conduct tours quite regularly. We do have a new preschool student beginning in two weeks so our number will reach 149.
- We have a Preschool/Kindergarten Play Date and Open House for K-8 scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 9:30-Noon. Play Date is 9:30-11:00 and Open House is 9:30-Noon.

Blended/Personalized Learning Program and Academics:

- Continuing with station rotation in the classrooms
- Using data to create instructional goals for students
- Our Data Consultant, Kendra DeYoung worked with us one day at the beginning of October. This concludes our work with Kendra. She has been very helpful for us as we have moved forward in our Blended/Personalized Learning program.

Opportunities:

- Jane Bona attended a Personalized Learning workshop in Orlando October 23-25 with twelve representatives from schools, sponsored by the Bush Foundation. The Bush Foundation continues to be interested in the work that our school and other schools in the Twin Cities are doing in the Blended Learning model/Personalized Learning.
- This year we are furthering our work with service opportunities for our students, documenting the hours and reflecting upon the meaning.

Marketing:

- A new banner is being produced for the south wall of the school. We hope to have it up within the next few weeks.
- Jane was interviewed by Patriot Radio today, and the ads will be aired the week of October 30-November 4. We focused on the November 4 Open House and Personalized Learning. This is part of their Business of the Week program.

Fundraising and Upcoming Events:

- Our first fundraiser of the year was the Marathon on Saturday, October 7. The goal was \$25,000.00 and we earned \$26,259.00. We do have a couple of bills to pay, but will meet our goal.
- Our next major fundraiser is Give to the Max Day on Thursday, November 16, although one can give anytime between November 1-16.
- School Advisory Council will be selling Poinsettias that may be for personal use or as memorials for loved ones. These will be part of the Christmas decorations in church during the Christmas Season.

Other Activities:

- Soccer season is wrapping up with the C Squad in playoffs this weekend and the A Squad playing tonight.
- Volleyball is in playoffs and will have a game this evening. The C Squad has concluded their season.

Marcus Paulson commented favorably on the "Precious Status" phone app available to parents of pre-school children. Parents can check in during the day and see what their child is doing.

Faith Formation Ministry Report:

- 1st Wednesday of the month meetings for Faith formation will have a meal to make it easier for families to build community. The meals have been well received and attended, and is appreciated by the parents.
- They had a very successful scavenger hunt which was held in the church.
- 8 candidates will be confirmed Nov 5th at the cathedral in St Paul.
- Fall RCIA classes are starting.
- Heggies pizza sale was very successful, better than last spring. Mary Nawrocki did not have exact numbers available.

Capital Campaign Report: Steve Smith will be meeting with 3 contractors for bids on resurfacing the parking lots. Work is to begin in June of next year.

The sacristy lighting panel and switches replacement contract is being finalized and may include replacing the side, low ceiling lights with LED lights. Work on the panel is to begin in November. A discussion was held on the high ceiling light replacement. Further information is being gathered and the discussion will be continued.

Growth and Development Report: Last weekend the Men's Group hosted a breakfast and showed a video on evil.

The Planned Parenthood prayer vigil was well attended. Stacy McVary reported statistics show when there are prayer vigils and services held on or near the Planned Parenthood Clinic sites, the number of abortions performed that day go down.

Other Business: The council welcomed Charles Karanja as a new council member.

Sometime early next year there will be a combined meeting of the Parish Council, the Finance Council and the School Advisory Board.

The next Parish Council meeting is set for Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 6pm in the St. Clare Room in the school. There will not be a meeting in November.