

# Immaculate Conception Parish Council Minutes

January 20, 2021

President, Justin Bader presided over the meeting. Members present were Father Randy Tochtrop, Justin Bader, Lindsey Gross, Rick Horrell, Kathy Huck, Vickie Ruch, Kim Rigdon, John Peters, and Rodney Eftink; Jeff Hotop was absent. Guest was John Litzelfelner representing the IC School Board.

Opening prayer was led by Father Randy.

November minutes were previously emailed. Kim Rigdon made a motion and seconded by Vickie Ruch to approve the minutes. Approved by all.

## *Updates on Parish Groups*

- **Youth/Family**
  - ◆ Youth Spirit –Attendance is still fluctuating. Apologetics series finished in November. Activities in December: Advent session and Christmas Party. DTS every third Sunday. Theology of the Body discussion group started January 10 with Joey Starke helping lead. About 12 teens are attending. Purified event was Nov. 30 and had a great turn out. Still plan on attending Steubenville Youth Conference (July 9-11) and Life Teen Summer Camp (Aug. 1-7) depending on Covid status. Upcoming events – Mini March for Life, January 23. Sweetheart Dinner canceled due to Covid.
  - ◆ Junior Apostles – Kaboom - November was Advent session, December was Christmas Party, January was Prolife. All were well attended. Students4Life packed almost 500 Snack Packs for JR2 Snack Pack program. Bible study for 7/8 grade girls from IC went well. They will continue to meet every Wednesday after school for discussion group.
  - ◆ Family ministry – Family Night - “Catholic Happy New Year” Advent event Nov. 28 did not have good attendance. Mom’s Group – will begin Lent study in February and is open to all moms of the parish. Discussions with key members of the parish have been ongoing for a more intentional, unified, cohesive approach to our parish faith formation, as well as focusing on how best to empower and educate our parents as first teachers of our faith.
  - ◆ Other: Worked with Student Santas and assisted 5 families/25 children. New parish website is up and running. A parish consecration to St. Joseph is being planned. Pope Francis declared this the “Year of St. Joseph”.
- **Music Ministry** –Rehearsals have started for Spring Concert which will be April 25 followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Lenten rehearsals start next week. More cantors are needed.
- **St. Ann’s Sodality** – No update
- **Knights of Columbus** – No update
- **Building Committee**- Meeting with Penzel Construction next week. They are donating their architectural services to IC for the new church.
- **Immaculate Conception School** – School Board is working toward developing an alumni database. Still continuing to receive free lunches provided thru the Covid cares act. Students scored well above average on the standardized test. School board by-laws were approved. Catholic schools’ week is Jan. 31- Feb 5. Registration for next year will be Jan 31. There are no active COVID or quarantine cases at IC School, including staff and students.
- **SRE** – Class time has changed to 11:10-12:10 on Sunday mornings. No change in enrollment has been noticed.

## *Father Randy News*

Adjustments were made to the equipment in the church basement for overflow at the weekend Masses. Office phones and wifi were updated.

Parish Pastoral Council election and DDF pledge will be done the weekend of May 1 & 2.

Father read a letter from the Bishop concerning transitioning the Parish Council to a Parish Pastoral Council. The “Norms for the Parish Pastoral Council” were also published in the November 27, 2020 Mirror. Discussion was held as to how this can be implemented in our parish.

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6PM. Opening prayer will be led by Rick Horrell and closing prayer by Kim Rigdon. Closing prayer was led by Rodney Eftink.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Huck, Secretary