

Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Minutes - May 19, 2021

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

Opening prayer was led by Rick Horrell.

In keeping with the Bishop's suggestion concerning the new guidelines of Parish Pastoral Council, (the meeting agenda should include "discussion concerning the teachings of the Church and topics related to spiritual growth of all Council members"), Justin Bader read the daily Mass readings followed with discussion and comments from the group.

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

Updates on Parish Groups

- **Youth/Family**

- ◆ **Youth Spirit** – Sunday evening sessions are being discontinued due to low attendance and switched to small groups that will meet when schedules allow. Social events will be held 2-3 times a month. Theology of the Body continues. DTS will also change day and time. Area youth leaders are combining efforts to plan activities and programs together instead of each individual parish. Upcoming events: May 24 – Adoration/Praise Night in Church, June 1 – Sand volley begins, June 1-3 - "You" Theology of the Body discussion, June 2 – Faith and Floats with Fr. Kelly, June 4 – (tentative) Outdoor movie at Meg's house, June 8 – trip to Perryville Shrine.
- ◆ **Junior Apostles** – Kaboom - had steady attendance. Students4Life handed out pro-life candy grams to IC students. 7/8th grade Girls Discussion group meets, depending on their schedules and topics are guided by their questions and situations in the lives. Will continue through summer. Upcoming events: May 21 – Skate Party, May 24 – Adoration/Praise Night in Church, June 1 – Sand volleyball, June 2 – Faith and Floats with Fr. Kelly, June 10 – bonfire at Meg's house.
- ◆ **Family ministry** – Family Night - May 24 – Adoration/Praise Night, May 26 – Tim Francis "Signs of God" presentation on May 26, June 6 – Corpus Christi Procession after 10 am Mass with Adoration from 11:30-4pm followed by a potluck and open to surrounding parishes. Surrounding parishes to host this in the future.
- ◆ **Other** - Work on the new database system and app continue. Meg has been accepted into the Franciscan University School of Spiritual Direction. She will receive training to become a Spiritual Director over the span of the next three summers, attending two weeks each summer. She thanked the Knights of Columbus for their spiritual and financial support for the activities and supplies of the youth programs.

- **Music Ministry** – No update
- **St. Ann's Sodality** – No update
- **Knights of Columbus** – No update
- **Building Committee** - Father gave an update on the meeting of the building committee.
- **Immaculate Conception School** – John Litzelfelner gave updates on First Communion, Science Fair winners, anticipated enrollment for next fall, recent fundraisers, new school board and home and school officers, new teachers hired and federal covid funds received.
- **SRE** – Vacation Bible School will be from June 28 – July 2. SRE will be offering in person, virtual and hybrid options for next school year. Four grades are in need of teachers.

Father Randy News

Father asked us to discuss the topic of "Becoming a Welcoming Parish" based on Bishop Rice's request to transition to Parish Pastoral Council. Various ideas/events were suggested.

It was decided that the 3 retiring board members will not attend the August meeting and in the future the 3 new board members will start attending meetings beginning with the August meeting.

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 6 PM. Opening prayer will be led by Justin Bader and closing prayer by Rodney Eftink.

Closing prayer was composed by Kim Rigdon and read by Kathy Huck.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Huck, Secretary