

Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

August 18, 2021

Justin Bader opened the meeting and then handed it over to new President Lindsey Gross. Members present were Father Randy Tochtrop, Deacon Al Stoverink, Deacon Walt Biri, Justin Bader, Lindsey Gross, Kathy Huck, Jeff Hotop, Rodney Eftink and new board members Lucas Green, Paul Kester and T.J. Vandeven; Kim Rigdon was absent. Guest was Joey Starke representing the IC School Board.

Opening prayer was led by Justin Bader. Introductions of all members were held. Jeff Hotop will serve as Vice President/President Elect and Kim Rigdon as secretary. May minutes were previously emailed and approved by all.

Updates on Parish Groups

• **Youth/Family**

- ◆ **Youth Spirit** – Few teens are participating so events will be combined with area youths. Theology of the Body and DTS are on hold. Steubenville had 37 teens attend from area and Life Teen Summer Camp had 7. Confirmation sessions begin August 29 with orientation with 20 teens signed up, meeting Sept 12 – Oct. 31, Confirmation is Nov 4.
- ◆ **Junior Apostles** – Kaboom - Still looking for a volunteer leader. Students4Life meets after school on the 2nd Thursday of each month Sept.– April for all 6 - 8th graders of our Parish. Mother Teresa's Little Helpers service group – Meg will now be leading the group and is open to all 6-8th graders of our Parish, meeting every 3rd Thursday Sept. - April. Girls Discussion Group for 7/8 grade girls of the Parish will continue to meet Wednesdays after school – 4:30.
- ◆ **Family ministry** – Mom's Group continues to meet Monday evenings. All moms are invited to attend. Dinner and babysitting provided
- ◆ **Other** - Work on the new database system and app continue and should be ready to launch in September. Meg is available for Spiritual Direction to anyone in our parish or surrounding area who is interested in growing closer to God.

- **Music Ministry** –Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, we will begin using the Heritage Missal. Choristers will have a bake sale the weekend of Oct. 9-10 to benefit their Branson trip in November.
- **St. Ann's Sodality** – No update
- **Knights of Columbus** – No update
- **Building Committee**- Deacon Al said they will be meeting with the architect again in late August. Updated information is posted in bulletin. Digital presentations will be shown after Masses and input will be requested from our parishioners.
- **Immaculate Conception School** – Joey Starke, representing IC School board, reported IC School has an enrollment of 36 pre-k students and 132 students in k-8th grade. They hope to establish an early childhood (0-2yr old) program by fall of 2022 and a preK-6th grade summer program. All classes have started a new curriculum which integrates our Catholic faith into each subject.
- **SRE** – Open house is Sunday, Aug. 22. Classes start August 29. New curriculum is “Spirit of Truth” which combines the knowledge of our faith with developing a personal relationship with Christ. They will also be incorporating theology of the body curriculum, “Rooted” for grades K-5 and “Theology of the Body” for grades 6-8.

Lindsey Gross reported that the car wash brought in \$400 which will be used to provide breakfast for IC School teachers and our adopted school, Orchard Elementary, teachers at the beginning of the school year. Treats will also be provided for them at various times of the year.

Father Randy News

Father asked us to discuss the topics from the “Mutually Shared Vision” poster that the diocese has distributed. As highlighted on the poster - “Our sacred purpose is to joyfully live our Catholic faith as intentional disciples, leading all to a full life in Jesus Christ.” the three guiding values are: prayer, generous service, and zeal with the three priorities of growing in holiness, forming intentional disciples and being sent forth to witness. It was decided to assess our groups and committees in our parish to see how each one of these groups can act as “intentional disciples.”

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 6 PM. Opening prayer will be led by Jeff Hotop and closing prayer by Lucas Green. Closing prayer led by Rodney Eftink. Respectfully submitted, Kathy Huck, Secretary