

# Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

April 20, 2022

President, Lindsey Gross, presided over the meeting. Members present were Father Randy Tochtrop, Justin Bader, Kathy Huck, Kim Rigdon, Lucas Green, Paul Kester, and Rodney Eftink, T. J. Vandeven. Jeff Hotop was absent. Guest was Cathy Boyd representing the St. Ann's Sodality.

The opening prayer was led by Paul Kester.

## *Updates on Parish Groups:*

- **St. Ann's Sodality** – Cathy Boyd updated on events since the last meeting. Deb Beussink gave a talk at the Birthright baby shower. They provided a van load of items from the shower. The annual rummage sale this year is June 10 & 11. The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Spring Assembly will be held at the Drury Plaza Conference Center April 22 & 23. The St. Ann's Sodality May banquet is coming up soon. They ask members to invite a friend to come to the banquet.
- **Youth & Family Ministry** – Father Randy has expanded advertising for a Youth and Family Director to different areas and will continue advertising in the bulletin and the Mirror. Meg Garner provided a report which is attached at the end of these minutes.
- **Building Committee** – Father Randy reported the building committee will be discussing interior details for the church at the meeting tomorrow. They will also review financial information. The capital campaign will be starting back up sometime in late summer or when school starts back up.
- **Immaculate Conception School** – Lindsey read a report provided by Joey Starke updating the council on school activities.
- **SRE** – First Communion will be held May 1 and confirmation for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be held April 20.

Lindsey provided the report for the Bishop regarding the Synod on Synodality for Father to submit.

We are still in need of parishioners to serve on the Parish Council. We discussed possible nominations and will follow up with those people.

Father Randy reported that holy week attendance was up this year, especially over the past couple years. He also reported that the parish survey is ongoing and will continue until the end of this month.

Lucas Green reminded everyone that Alpha meetings start tomorrow at 6:30 and will be held each Thursday through June 30. He invited all to attend as many meetings as possible and to bring a friend.

We shared prayer requests of members and the parish and will continue to pray for these.

The next meeting will be held in August or September.

Closing prayer was led by Justin Bader.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Rigdon, Secretary

**Youth & Family Ministry Report**  
Parish Council meeting April 2022

1. Youth Spirit:
  - a) We have 16 teens signed up to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference with IC July 15-17. This is a record low. Most teens are from IC, with just a few from area parishes. Our Money Wall fundraiser has exceeded our goal.
  - b) We have 9 teens signed up to attend the Life Teen Summer Camp July 31 – August 6. We still have a credit from camp 2020 (canceled due to Covid), but after this year teens will need to fundraise again.
  - c) Last Youth Mass for the school year is May 8.
  - d) Area youth leaders continue to meet and plan events for our area youth. The latest events were the Diocesan Youth Conference on April 2 and the Pilgrimage of Seven Churches on Holy Thursday night.
  
2. Junior Apostles:
  - a. DYC – We had great day! We had a good turn out from IC junior high youth; no high school youth attended from IC.
  - b. Kaboom – we continue to have consistent attendance from IC, public school, and homeschool youth, with an average attendance of 20-25. A HUGE thank you to Karen and Randy Engelen who have graciously donated and cooked our meals for each Kaboom this year! A HUGE thank you to Megan Engelen who has been planning and leading our Kabooms this year! Megan will be spending next school year as a full-time missionary for Life Teen, so she will not be available to plan and lead Kaboom.
  - c. Students4Life, Mother Teresa’s Little Helpers, and Girls Discussion Group have all been put on hold since I took my teaching job.
  
3. Family ministry:
  - a. Moms Group continues to meet Monday evenings. Stephanie Starke has volunteered to help keep this going.
  
4. Other:
  - a. I have been continuing to do youth ministry here on a somewhat limited basis since I started teaching at St. Mary’s in January. With the conclusion of this school year, I will no longer be doing any ministry for the parish. The only exception to this is that I will continue to organize and lead the Steubenville Youth Conference and Life Teen Summer Camp groups. If we hire someone before these events and he/she is comfortable taking the group, then I will not attend either. If we do not hire someone or if who we hire is not comfortable taking a group on his/her own, then I will attend.
  - b. I am available for Spiritual Direction to anyone who desires growing closer to God.
  - c. I cannot say thank you enough for the support of the Parish Council and the parish in general these last few years. I have been truly blessed to work at IC!