

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Parish Council, Minutes of the Meeting

May 24, 2017

ATTENDEES: Father Binil, Jerry Caoile, Ann Griffith, Emerson Georgeto, Frank Bautista, John Flinn, Anne Snyder, Fe Ancheta, Christy Warren, Amy Guerry, Deacon Roberts

NOT PRESENT: Deacon Mayen, Deacon McNerny, Deacon Murphy, and Juan Avila.

EXCUSED : Marilyn Luengo, Russ Whited, Jennifer Mayen

OPENING PRAYER: Father Binil led the "Our Father."

CORRECTIONS TO APRIL MINUTES: There were not any corrections; April's Minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jerry Caoile stated that the "Robert's Rules of Order" will be followed for our meetings.

Jerry further stated that he is very proud of our church as he receives a lot of good feedback on our church's activities. He encourages new ideas from parishioners and to bring parishioners' ideas to the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education— Amy Guerry wrapped up YMP pretty much for the year. Senior Sunday is coming up. Summer activities will be social activities.

Christy Warren said that VBS is the week before Father's Day. There was a successful picnic this past Sunday.

Parish Life—Frank Bautista reports:

- **Ladies' Guild :** Cora Warren, President, reports this group has been providing desserts for the K of C Mother's Dinner, Taste of Goose Creek, and now the Parish Picnic.
 - Ladies' Guild will have a regular meeting in June and a pool party/potluck in July.
 - Ladies' Guild annual retreat for women is August 5.
- **Catholic Daughters of the Americas:** Pat Karabees, Regent, reports a successful bake sale over Mother's Day weekend.
 - Their June meeting is an end-of-the-year dinner at Los Arcos.
 - An organizational meeting will be held later in June.
- **Knights of Columbus #11991**
- May 20-21, 2017: "Knights of Columbus 96th South Carolina State Convention, North Charleston Convention Center."
 - **Division 3 received**
 - "Best Council Award."
 - "Best Council Service Program Award."
 - "Silver Achievement Award"

Parish Life (continued)

Frank Bautista reports on **K of C** cont'd:

State Awards Received:

Sir Knight Michael Cousino:	Sir Knight of the Year
Sir Knight John Flinn:	Golden Knight of the Year
Cinnamin Hernandez:	State Youth of the Year

- May 21—Service Sunday, 9:30 am Mass and Red Cross Blood Drive
- May 25—Council O & D meeting in Community Center, 7 pm.
- May 28—Patriotic Rosary following 11:30 am Mass
- May 29—The Color Corp is scheduled to present and retire the colors at the Summerville Memorial Day ceremony at Summerville Cemetery.
- June 1—Admission Degree and business meeting, 6:15 pm.
- June 12—Assembly 3697 Installation of Officers at 5:30 pm and catered dinner in the Community Center, 7 pm.
- June 13—St. Francis Caracciolo Café, 11 am to 1:30 pm in the Community Center
- June 15—Council 11991 Officer installation, 6 pm; Social at 7 pm in the Community Center

Spiritual Life—Fe Ancheta reports:

May 27—Feast of Our Lady of Manaoag, Philippines

- 9 days/weekly Novena; they are in the 5th day now. Novena is being held at the All Ministry Center.
- There will be a service Mass, 9:30 am; presiding Priest will be Father Gerry.
- Reception will be held at the Community Center; everyone is invited.

June 2, 3--Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion.

June 16, Friday—40 Hours of Adoration begins.

June 18—Feast of Corpus Christi

- Eucharistic Procession after 11:30 am Mass; Parish Picnic to follow.

June 24—Priests for Life Rosary

- Rosary in front of the Abortion Mill—led by Respect for Life. Time to be determined.
- **Spiritual Life (continued)**
- Jerry Caoile stated that Father Jason desires a special event (i.e. devotional prayers) be held on the 13th day of each month until October 13, 2017, in celebration of the 100th year of Our Lady of Fatima apparitions. Marian Society is in charge of this. Fe will check on this. Deacon Roberts said that it would be nice to do something on the 13th day of the month.

Committee Reports (continued):

Ascension Thursday is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation, but Deacon Roberts encourages everyone to attend Mass.

John Flinn reports that the next 40 Days for Life is September 27—November 4.

October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We might want to coordinate 2,000 Hail Marys but need to ask Father Jason when he returns from the Philippines.

September 8 is our Blessed Mother's birthday.

RCIA: No report.

Building & Grounds: No report.

Brazilian: Emerson Georgeto reported that Confirmation had a lot of problems and mistakes. He is addressing this. He is working hard to keep the class and is working hard to find a priest for the Brazilian community.

Jerry Caoile noted that he was impressed with Confirmation and thanked Amy & Christy and others, for their hard work, devotion, dedication, and time.

Hispanic Community: No report.

John Flinn added that the Emmaus retreat for the men of the parish had 8 men who participated. He highly recommends this very moving experience. Another one is planned in February 2018. An English Ladies' Emmaus retreat is scheduled for August 26.

Finance Committee—Anne Snyder reports:

- There was not a scheduled Finance Council meeting this month.
- Steve Ekhaml asked Anne to mention that the work on the back of the church has begun. There was a delay this week due to rain. Rebricking has begun.
- Columbarium plans are coming along; Steve plans to have all necessary paperwork into the diocese by the middle of June for final approval.
- Steve continues to work on the 2017-2018 budget.
- The next Finance Council meeting is June 27, strictly for budget work.
- The new church organ is paid for!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- John Flinn asked about the status of the diaper station in the Community Center. Deacon Roberts said he thinks there is a space in the room before entering the bathrooms.
- John Flinn asked about the bulletin boards. Frank said that the boards are organized and look good. Fe suggested labeling sections for various groups so it stays organized.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding scheduling for education, Deacon Roberts said he needs to meet with Carol to categorize the groups so that we can have ONE EDUCATION NIGHT. He is looking for maximum educational use of the building.

There will be 80 Confirmation students next year. Perhaps RCIA can have an evening class.

There are 40 boys in Boy Scouts; over 160 scouting awards were presented this year. Possibly have Boy Scouts on Thursday nights to minimize the noise to ONE NIGHT.

Christy said Confirmation class is on Monday night for 7-8th grade students.

Fe asked about programs after Confirmation.

Amy stated that instruction continues in YMP. The social piece of YMP is to keep the kids coming! YMP on Friday night is not working at all; it will return to Sunday nights this next year. Age groups will be split.

High school Confirmation will be a two-year program for 7th and 8th grade students.

In the past, 9th grade confirmation class was a one-year program. Kids waited to take instruction until 9th grade so they would have only one year of instruction!

Now, everyone will have two years of instruction before Confirmation.

Hispanic parishioners are going to assist Amy.

Jerry would like to see more attendance at 6:30 pm Masses. Perhaps the Confirmation students and their parents could attend Mass before their instruction.

Deacon Roberts asked that meetings not begin until after 7:05 so that Mass attendees can still make it to their scheduled meetings. He'd like a commentator's note encouraging more attendance at 6:30 pm Mass.

Father Binil stated that he prays that more people will come to the evening Mass.

Prayers are asked for John Bonn, Remy Silva, Heinz Griebisch, and all the victims in Manchester, England.

Our next meeting is June 28; everyone is encouraged to please attend the 6:30 pm Mass before our meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Father Binil led the closing prayers, "Hail Mary" and "The Glory Be."

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Griffith, Secretary