

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

October 28, 2015

**Minutes**

**ATTENDEES:** Father Jason, Father Gerry, Deacon Larry Roberts, Deacon Dan McNerny, Paula Jaklitsch, Anne Snyder, Thomas Arnold, Jerry Caoile, Russ Whited, Karen Boni, Christy Warren, Catherine Dixon, Juan Avila, Jeremy Rodriguez., Marilyn Luengo, and Emerson Georgeto.

**NOT PRESENT:** Jennifer Mayen, Amy Guerry, and Donna Kelly.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Parish Council President, Russ Whited.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Father Jason

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Russ began meeting by announcing that this was an open parish council meeting. He introduced Gene Alura as the first speaker. Gene briefed the council on actions of the Interfaith Disaster Council (IDC) during the last storm. The IDC was inundated with the recent heavy rains and flooding. Although the Goose Creek area was not affected too much, other counties with the flooding and damage caused by the storm. The IDC provided food and water to the needed counties.

Gene also commented and complimented the parish council for addressing many issues in the parish. The parking lot problems was a serious undertaking and was successfully corrected.

Russ introduced Steve Ekhami to the parishioners as the new bookkeeper and budget director for the parish.

Russ requested Jerry Caoile report on the updates to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Parish Council. Jerry passed out copies of the Constitution and Bylaws and noted that the recommended changes were highlighted in BOLD print. Jerry stated that these changes were for discussion and not the final revision. A major addition was to add definitions to the Preamble. This is to properly identify the different factions of the Parish Council (elected members, staff and clergy). Another major addition was to add a section that provided guidelines for the removal of members from the Parish Council.

Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. Paula Jaklitsch made motion to accept the minutes as written. Jeremy Rodriguez seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EDUCATION:** Christy Warren reporting:

Plans for the CCD Christmas party are in progress.

**SPANISH CCD:** No report.

**YMP:** No report.

**RCIA:** No Report.

**SPANISH RCIA:** No report.

**ADULT EDUCATION:** No report.

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**YAMS:** Jeremy Rodriguez reporting:

The next study and activity will be on the Bible time-line. They are finishing up the Catholicism DVD.

**PARISH LIFE:** Paula Jaklitsch reporting:

**Knights of Columbus:**

October 2015 Activities:

10-1 Business Meeting  
10-9 to 10-11 Operation Hope Tootsie Roll at Walmart  
10-12 Columbus Day  
10-15 Knights Social and Silent Auction  
10-18 Service Sunday  
10-22 O & D Meeting  
10-25 Breakfast Sunday

November 2015 Activities:

11-5 Business Meeting  
11-7 3rd Degree Exemplification  
11-8 Blood Drive  
11-15 Service Sunday  
11-19 Social  
11-21 Rosary at Abortion Clinic  
11-22 Breakfast Sunday  
11-23 Thanksgiving Basket Delivery

**Ladies Guild**

Successful Trash & Treasure Yard Sale, despite the torrential downpour and floods.

Election of 2016 Officers at November Meeting

Christmas Bazaar has all tables rented and a vendor wait list. Will have the Corner Cafe again and will serve breakfast as well as lunch this year.

December Meeting will be a catered light dinner

**Catholic Daughters:**

Collecting toiletries for boxes for the Christmas at Sea program  
Will have a table at the Christmas Bazaar

**AOH:** No Report.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE:** Karen Boni reporting:

**Liturgy Committee:** No report.

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**Respect Life:**

Lowcountry Walk for Life Fundraiser is at Wannamaker County Park on 7 November 2015. Register to participate at <http://lw4l.org/>.

Will have a table at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, 21 November 2015.

All are welcome to the next meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

**St. Francis Caracciolo Eucharistic Adoration:**

Will have a table at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, 21 November 2015.

The Marian Eucharistic Conference in Greenville is 14-15 November 2015. Submit paperwork for registration by November 7, 2015. For more information, see church bulletin or contact Annette Griebisch.

**Alter Flower Ministry:**

If anyone is interested in arranging flowers for the altar, please attend meeting, Saturday morning, November 7, 2015, at 9:15 a.m., in the picnic area. This is to schedule November, December, and January (2016).

The Church palms have been moved to the warehouse in Ladson for the winter.

**Marion Society:** Jerry Caoile reporting:

Election of officers will be held at next meeting.

Marion Society is leading the parish in the Rosary prior to each Mass on weekends. There is a need for someone to lead the Rosary at the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass.

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**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Emerson Georgeto reporting:

Emerson reported on the status on the construction of the Shrine of Our Lady of Penafrancia. It is almost completed. Several PC members commented on the Shrine's beauty. Emerson responded that he is disappointed with its construction. The Shrine has steps. Parishioners must climb steps to enter into it. With Emerson's recent injury, he knows how difficult that will be for the handicap and will not have access to the Shrine. Emerson feels everyone should have access to the Shrine and to all areas of the church.

There is a rectory problem with the floor is certain areas where it is sagging. A contractor has been contacted to inspect the foundation and floor integrity.

Russ reported that a commercial company has been contacted to put up hand rails in front of the church. This will happen within the next two weeks. It will have two handrails. The curb will be cut also and a 42 inch wide ramp constructed in front of the handrails.

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**SPANISH REPORT:** Juan Avila reporting:

The annual congress (El V Congreso Catolico de Fe) will be held this year at the Methodist Church on Rivers Avenue in North Charleston on 21 and 22 November.

The men's Emmaus Retreat will be held at the beach house on Folly Beach on 27-29 November.

The youth will be hosting the Fajita Fiesta on Sunday, 1 November from 10:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m.

**Brazilian Ministry:** Emerson Georgeto reporting:

The new RCIA class is set for next year.

Emerson stressed that Mary is honored in the month of October.

A missionary will be visiting the Brazilian community next week (1<sup>st</sup> week of November). Emerson provided an interesting history of the missionary and his conversion in faith.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ann Snyder reporting:

The Finance Committee meeting was held on 13 October 2015.

The paid cook position for the rectory was filled by a volunteer who cooks on Tuesday and the weekends.

As was noted in the bulletin this week, the debt on the AMC will be paid off by 15 November 2015. The balance of the loan is \$23,987.19. The new offering envelopes will now be named "Projects and Development".

World Youth Day fundraising is still underway. The next fundraiser will be Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The church had multiple leaks after the historic rain earlier this month. Father Jason is contacting a contractor to see what work need to be done to repair the damage. It was not the roof that leaked. It was the walls and flashings.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Marilyn requested that Jerry highlight the recommended changes to the constitution and by-laws in red.

Catherine reported on her visits to Fox Music to check out a new organ for the church. There was a Yamaha for \$27,000. There was also a real organ she liked for \$18,000. Marilyn recommended checking out other churches for possible donations of their organs (if they are getting a new one).

Father Jason reported that he had a meeting with Mylene. When we do get a working organ, the cantors will move back to the ambo for the Responsorial Psalms.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No report.

**DREAM SESSION:**

Tim Kenefick suggested having an entrance canopy installed in front of the church. Father Jason has concern that this will distract from the appearance of the church. Father Jason requested Tim submit a sketch design for review.

Christy's dream is to have a cooler environment in the cry room during Mass.

Paula commented on the conditions of the rest rooms. Some toilets in the AMC are loose. The hand dryers in church are ineffective.

Catherine commented on the announcements before Mass. She suggested a change at the beginning of Mass so that Mass could be started on time. After discussion, Father Jason said that he is rethinking on how to do announcements.

Marilyn expressed a concern of the lax dress code in church. A "Do's and Don't sign might be a possibility.

Jeremy has a dream of noise control in the church vestibule. A noise placard has been created to assist in this endeavor.

7 November – There will be a CPR certification class. Cost is \$5.00. Later there will be a free class on the defibrillator. The Salvation Army will present a class on "How to Prepare the Church for Disaster".

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

Russ requested all clergy present to provide comments.

Father Jason reported on the following:

2 November – Columbarium committee meeting in library at 6:30 p.m.

6 November – Novena in honor of Our Lady of Solitude of Porta Vaga.

14 November – Solemn Mass at 11:30 a.m. on feast day of Lady of Solitude of Porta Vaga.

Also upcoming in November and December:

There will be a special feast day on December 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the burning of the mortgage.

Opening of Jubilee Year of Mercy.

15 December - Opening feast day for Miso de Galo with Bishop Guglielmone.

Father Jason wants to change the image of the Adoration Chapel. He is looking to have stain glass on the outside.

Father Jason reported that a contractor will be contacted to inspect the walls and flashings of the church. Resealing the walls might be necessary. The roof did not leak during the recent heavy rains, but the walls did.

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Father Jason also reported that he has been appointed councilor for the Adorno Fathers. This extra duty could require additional travel.

Russ invited parishioners present for their comments on the parish before the closing prayer.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

Father Gerry closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

The next PC Meeting will be a combined meeting for November and December..

November's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 18 November 2015 at 7:05 in the library of the AMC.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Arnold, Secretary