

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Parish Council, Minutes of the Meeting

February 22, 2017

ATTENDEES: Father Jason, Father Gerry, Jerry Caoile, Ann Griffith, John Flinn, Jennifer Mayen, Russ Whited, Anne Snyder, Amy Guerry, and Christy Warren.

NOT PRESENT: Deacon Larry Roberts, Deacon Jose Mayen, Deacon Daniel McNerny, Deacon John Murphy, Emerson Georgeto, Marilyn Luengo, Fe Ancheta, and Juan Avila.

EXCUSED: Frank Bautista

OPENING PRAYER: Father Jason led the "Hail Mary."

GUEST: Seminarian "RJ"

Minutes of the January 25, 2017 meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education—Amy Guerry reports:

- February 25 -- YMP Mass.
- March 5 -- Eucharistic Congress, Youth Session 8:15 – 11:15 am.
- March 10—12 – DYC—30 attending
- March 25 – YMP Mass
- April 8 – Confirmation Retreat held by Diocese Missionary Team—all day.
- April 19 – Confirmation
- April 22 – YMP Mass

Christy Warren reports that the focus is on preparation for the Eucharistic Congress.

RICA—No report.

Parish Life—Ann Griffith reports for Frank Bautista:

Catholic Daughters of the Americas:

In February, Father Binil spoke to CDA about his life and his family and his journey to the priesthood.

In March, CDA is making Rosaries for projects and Divine Mercy.

AOH, Ancient Order of Hibernians reports:

- February 28—Respect Life and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- March 25—St. Patrick's Day Dinner

K of C #11991 reports:

- February 18—Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Columbia, SC
- February 19—Service Sunday, 9:30 am Mass
- February 20—Patriotic Rosary following 8:30 am Mass
- February 23—O and D meeting, 7:00 pm., ICC
- February 26—Parish breakfast, 8:30—11:30 am
- March 2—Council Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, ICC
- March 7—Assembly business meeting, Summerville, 7:00 pm
- March 11—Highway cleanup, 7:00 a.
- March 13—Fourth Degree Installation of Officers
- April 12—Catholic Day, Columbia, SC, Catholics from all over the state convene

Rolly, the carpenter, has submitted the quote to Fr. Jason for the two bulletin boards glass covers.

Ladies' Guild reports:

- February 11-12 Had a successful bake sale
- March 18-19—Bake sale

Spiritual Life—No report from Fe Ancheta.

Jerry asked that it be noted that Respect Life is the 3rd Saturday of the month at the abortion mill.

March 1 is the first day of 40 Days for Life.

Bishop Guglielmone closes our Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, March 4.

April 8 is Immaculate Conception's coverage for 12 hours from 7 am to 7 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED):

Finance Committee—Anne Snyder reports:

There is not a Finance Council meeting on February 29, 2017.

Steve would like it relayed to Parish Council that the work on the back outside of the church is beginning soon. The company doing the work, Watertight, has signed the contract; we are waiting for insurance documents. Paperwork will be forwarded to the Diocese for final signing of the contract.

The floor in the Community Center was painted and sealed this week. This project is now complete. Kudos to Ron Macaspac and the Knights members who helped with this project. The floor looks great!

Building & Grounds—No report.

Hispanic Community--Jennifer Mayen reports:

A soccer meeting is being held this evening to plan an upcoming soccer tournament.

The Hispanic community is preparing lunch on Saturday for the Eucharistic Congress.

CCD has a Spanish Retreat on March 18.

Practices for the live Stations of the Cross are ongoing. The live Stations of the Cross will be on Good Friday, April 14, at 10 am.

May 5, 6, and 7 there will be an English Emmaus men's retreat; men are encouraged to register.

Brazilian— No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Russ Whited is trying to get together with Steve Gearhart, Lenny Tittle, and Ron Macaspac but schedule conflicts are preventing all four from meeting . They need to get together with Father Jason.

Jerry Caoile said that the church grounds are looking clean lately without visible trash around. John Flinn agreed that the grounds are indeed looking better, thanks to the volunteers who help perform this task.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Flinn addressed safety concerns over possible oil-based flammable paint being stored in the Community Center.

There are 15 gallons buckets of paint in the Community Center right now. He will check all the gallons to see whether they are water-based or oil-based.

Father Jason said that the left-over materials from the Lady of Guadalupe Shrine have been taken care of.

Jerry Caoile reported that the recent Deacon Ordination garnered many positive comments from those in attendance:

"Immaculate Conception is a beautiful church," "The grounds are sculptured beautifully," and "Your shrines are beautiful."

Jerry Caoile asked Father Jason if there had been inquiries from the Diocese regarding the need for participation of priests and deacons in the prison ministry program, because people from the Diocese, who are now serving in the Prison Ministry, have stated that ICC might be a good source of volunteers due to the population of its parishioners. Father Jason said, "We are not asked to do prison ministry," as this request comes from the Bishop. The Bishop appoints the prison ministry.

Anne Snyder commented that baked cookies used to be taken to the prisons. She remembers notes about this on our bulletin.

Recruitment from our lay people in the parish would be needed to begin prison ministry outreach. There is a need for Spanish-speaking lay people to help in the prison ministry. Father Jason is open to this.

Father Higgins, Columbia area, is in charge of prison ministry. It is noted that Christ our King church is heavily involved in prison ministry.

Thank you to Frank & Lydia Bautista for the Parish Council members' poster.

Father Jason stated that 580 people are registered for the Eucharistic Congress.

Our next meeting is March 22; there will not be any priests at this meeting as it is First Penance for the First Holy Communion students that evening.

Holy Week begins April 14.

Father Jason encourages all Parish Council members to attend the meetings.

Christy Warren inquired about rules in place regarding attendance at meetings. Russ Whited remarked that if we needed to vote on something this evening we could not.

Father Jason led the closing prayer, the "Glory Be."

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Griffith, Secretary