

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

February 25, 2015

**Minutes**

**ATTENDEES:** Father Benil, Deacon Larry Roberts, Amy Guerry, Donna Kelly, Jeremy Rodriguez, Marilyn Luengo, Catherine Dixon, Paula Jaklitsch, Thomas Arnold, Jerry Caoile, Russ Whited, and Christy Warren. Father Jason and Father Gerry was on line via internet.

**NOT PRESENT:** Deacon Joe Anonie, Deacon Dan McNerny, Karen Boni, Jennifer Mayen, Emerson Georgeto, and Anne Snyder

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Parish Council President, Russ Whited.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Deacon Larry

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Deacon Dan commented via email that there was an additional adult study of the Psalms that needed to be added. Paula Jaklitsch made motion to accept the minutes with corrections as written. Jerry Caoile seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Minutes from the joint Parish Councils meeting with the Parish Councils and staffs from both ICC and Saint Phillips Benesi were read by PC Secretary, Thomas Arnold. This was the special November meeting with Adorno Fathers Superior, Fr. Raffaele Mandolesi and the Vicar General, Fr. John Paul Gasparini addressing the Councils. Deacon Larry made motion to accept the minutes. Paula Jaklitsch seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Russ gave kudos to Donna Kelly for her effort in coordinating the effort for refreshments for the fellowship after the meeting. He also gave kudos to Jennifer and Amy for assisting in the preparations.

Russ introduced past PC President and Helping Hands of Goose Creek representative Gene Alura for a presentation.

Gene explained Helping Hands of GC and the Goose Creek Clergy Association involvement in the formation the Interfaith Disaster Council (IDC). The IDC plan is designed to support local community residents through prayer, manpower and financial support before, during and after natural and man-made disasters. Gene explained that 13 of the 32 local churches are on board to support the plan. 3 of the churches have volunteered to be "Warming Centers" for the IDC. Other organizations involved in the IDC plan are the City of Goose Creek, Berkeley County, State and Federal emergency authorities, the Salvation Army, and the Red Cross.

Gene stated that he will be visiting other ICC organizations to present and explain the IDC plan. There would be a need for people to setup and man disaster centers in the event of a disaster. IDC centers would need emergency supplies such as PROPAK packages, mats, and blankets. Gene led the PC discussion on the question "Would ICC be willing to support supplies to warming centers established by the IDC?"

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EDUCATION:** Christy Warren reporting:

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**English CCD:**

We currently have 283 people enrolled into the CCD program.

- 65 enrolled to make First Communion this year (registration deadline October 12, 2014)
- 51 enrolled in the Confirmation I program (registration closed)
- 25 enrolled in the Confirmation II program (registration closed)

**SPANISH CCD:**

So far they have 88 children in First communion. 16 Pre First Communion and 10 post First communion. A special children's retreat is planned for March 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. in the community center. This retreat is for all children, bus especially for children going to have their first communion.

**YMP:** Amy Guerry reporting:

There are 64 registered students in YMP.

There were 50 High School students who received Sacrament of Confirmation.

Events on the YMP schedule are:

March

6-8 HS Youth Conference at White Oaks Conference Center  
21 YMP Service Sunday

April

3 Food Friday Production  
18 Taste of Goose Creek  
25 YMP Service Sunday

Fund raising for Poland Youth Rally will be on going.

**RCIA:** RCIA is having a retreat on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

**SPANISH RCIA:** No report.

**ADULT EDUCATION:**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Potential enrollment</u>
____Epistles of St. Paul	Deacon Larry	January 12 Mondays	20

**YAMS:** No Report.

**PARISH LIFE:** Paula Jaklitsch reporting:

**Catholic Daughters:**

April - Pot luck in Moncks Corner

May - Giving rosaries to all First Communicants along with Mother's Day bake sale.

**Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH):** No report.

**Ladies Guild:**

Purchased full-page ad in Parish Directory.

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March - Will participate in 40 Days for Life on March 1<sup>st</sup>. St. Patrick's/Joseph's Day Bake Sale after all Masses for 3/14 and 3/15.

There will be a guest speaker from Edward Jones at the March meeting.

April - Taste of Goose Creek Dessert Booth

May - Gifts for First Communicants

**Knights of Columbus**

Mar 1 40 Days for Life

Mar 7 SC Men's Conference

Mar 8 Parish Breakfast

Mar 15 Service Sunday and Blood Drive

Mar 20 & 27 Fish Fry

**SPIRITUAL LIFE:** Jerry Caolie reporting:

1) Shrove Tuesday, February 17: Thank you to Tim Kenefick for once again hosting a great pancake dinner at the parish community center 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Food and Supplies were donated by the Ancient Order of the Hibernians.

2) Charleston Respect Life Campaign:

a. Due to weather conditions not improving, and for everyone's safety, the Rosary vigil with Bishop Guglielmone at the Abortion Clinic at West Ashley that was scheduled for February 24, 2015, was cancelled. If the prayer will be rescheduled with the Bishop, information will be announced appropriately.

b. Immaculate Conception's 24-hour prayer coverage at the Abortion Clinic will be on Saturday, March 1, 2015. Parishioners are encouraged to join this Respect Life campaign initiative.

c. Low Country Pregnancy Center's Annual Fund Raising Banquet, "Among the Stars", will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 6:30 PM. See details at <http://www.123contactform.com/form-1258742/2015-LPC-Banquet-RSVP-Form>. Guests will enjoy music, a delicious dinner, client testimonies, and inspirational message from keynote speaker Dr. Walter Latimore, an award-winning physician and best-selling author.

d. Urgent action: Citizens of South Carolina were asked to contact their State Representative and urge him/her to pass the SC Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, H.3114, without amendments by Wednesday, February 11, 2015. The act will prevent unborn babies 20 weeks old and older from being aborted because they feel the excruciating pain of their dismemberment and death.

3) March 6, 2015, First Friday – Confessions 6:00 PM, Holy Mass 7:00 PM, followed by devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and all night adoration until 8:00 A.M. on Saturday morning.

4) Breakfast Social for Lent is Saturday morning, March 28, 2015. Holy Mass at 8:30 A.M., Stations of the Cross, Rosary, and Breakfast with a speaker on the Eucharist. Tim Kenefick has graciously volunteered to cook the breakfast for the event.

5) Help needed: Palms will be moved from the church's warehouse to the church sometime after the weekend of March 28, 2015.

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6) April 1 and 2, 2015: Setting up for the Agony in the Garden scene in the Community Center, possibly Wednesday evening and on Thursday morning. Parishioners will be asked to bring in palms and flowers, and to help decorate the community center.

7) Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for peace here and around the world.

**SPANISH COMMUNITY:**

Russ reported that a bishop from South America (Columbia) will visit the Spanish community and say Mass.

**BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY:**

No report.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Emerson reported progress for the building of the Penafrancia shrine on the island area of the pond is ongoing. Materials and labor have been obtained from the members of the Brazilian community.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No report.

**DREAM SESSION:**

Father Jason's dream is debt retirement.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Father Jason reporting via internet.

**Lenten Mission**

9-10 March - Mario Saint Francis is set for a two day mission.

11 March - Penance Service.

13 March - Adorno Fathers concert. Concert will be in the church. It will be Praise and Worship music.

**Parish App**

Parish App has been launch. Good feedback has been received. Many parishioners have downloaded the App.

A new web site has also been established.

**Security Measures**

Six security cameras have been installed in the parking lot and in the AMC.

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Father Jason reported that the sacristy door will be replaced. It will have a push button combination for opening door.

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Devotions.**

First Friday devotions have started. They will ensure there will be 24 hour Eucharistic devotion through the night on to the 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning Mass.

**Bishop's Appeal.**

Last year the parish met and went over the set goal. This was only the second time the parish has accomplished its goal. Father Jason hopes and prays the parish can do it again. The parish receives money back when we are over the goal.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

Father Jason closed the meeting via internet with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

March's meeting is scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015 at 7:05 in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Arnold, Secretary