

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

January 28, 2015

**Minutes**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Deacon Joe Anonie and Donna Kelly

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** Father Jason

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. Paula Jaklitsch made motion to accept the minutes 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 announced the upcoming Knights of Columbus Valentine Dance and invited the members of the Parrish Council to attend.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EDUCATION:** Christy Warren reporting:

**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:

Cardboard City held in November was a success. There were 45 participants. They raised \$609 for the poor.

The YMP participated in the Life March and Youth Rally in Columbia on January 10th. 18 students were present. Their picture in the Life March was shown in the last Diocese Miscellany.

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There were 48 students registered for the November Retreat with the NET team. It was an excellent retreat with the NET team.

There are 64 registered students in YMP.

There are 49 students enrolled in the High School Confirmation class.

Events on the YMP schedule are:

February

- 1 Souper Bowl for Caring (11:30 a.m. till 2 p.m.)
- 2 Confirmation Practice
- 3 Confirmation
- 21 YMP Service Sunday

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 enrollment</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Potential</u>
A Study of the Psalms	Deacon Joe & Deacon Larry	January 7 12 classes	15
Epistles of St. Paul	Deacon Larry	January 12 Mondays	20
A Study of the Psalms	Nancy McNerny	Ends February 4th	10

**YAMS:** Jeremy Rodriguez reporting:

There are 6 active participants meeting weekly. As part of their meeting, they are presently reviewing the Sunday readings.

**PARISH LIFE:** Paula Jaklitsch reporting:

**Catholic Daughters:**

December – 75 boxes were put together for the Christmas at Sea Program.

January – Hosted four tables full of baby items for the Anything Baby Shower to benefit the Low Country Pregnancy Center.

February – Father Jason will be the guest speaker at their meeting.

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March – They will finish making 150 rosaries for First Communion. They will begin planning the Summer Ice Cream Social.

**Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH):**

December – Tim appeared as Santa at St Phillip Benzi's breakfast with Santa on 12/6, at the local healthcare center on 12/12 at the last evening of Misa da Gallo on 12/23, at the Children's Mass, and at the Spanish Mass on 12/24.

January – Installation of officers on Sunday, 1/31.

February – Service Sunday at 5 p.m. Mass on 7<sup>th</sup>. Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on 2/17.

March – St. Patrick's Day traditional dinner with light entertainment.

**Ladies Guild:**

December – Christmas dinner with Fathers Jason, Nick, and Gerry and Brother Rafael as guests.

January – New officers assumed duties. Donated \$2500 to debt reduction. Voted to purchase 200 additional covers for the Missals in the pews.

February – Dinner for Confirmation candidates and their sponsors on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Valentines' Day Bake Sale after all Masses for 2/14 and 2/15.

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.

**Knights of Columbus**

December – Christmas Card Sales after all Masses each weekend. Highway cleanup on 12/6.

January – Breakfast on 1/11. Service Sunday and Blood Drive on 1/18. Respect Life in Washington DC on 1-22.

February – Breakfast on 2/8. Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance on 2/14. Russ invited PC Council.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE:** Karen Boni reporting:

**Liturgy Committee:** No report.

**Respect Life:**

December 10, 2014 – Christmas Social with the Saint Francis Caracciolo Eucharistic Adoration Committee.

January 28, 2015 – Car pooling for the Catholic Day at the Capital on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Due to this even, the Respect Life Meeting was postponed.

February 5<sup>th</sup> – The Cast the Vision Kickoff Rally is at 7 p.m. for the 40 Days for Life spring campaign. Rally location is at the parish hall of Blessed Sacrament Church. Three local 40 Days members will share their stories.

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**Altar Flower Ministry:** No report.

**IC Youth for Life:** No Report.

**St. Francis Caracciolo Eucharistic Adoration Ministry:**

January 21<sup>st</sup>– St. Francis Caracciolo Eucharistic Adoration Ministry meeting at 7:05 p.m. in Room 4 of AMC.

February 6<sup>th</sup>– First Friday - Confession 6 p.m., Holy Mass 7 p.m., followed by devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Adoration until 11 p.m.

Continued Goal: 24 Hour Perpetual Adoration. Will need 3 committed people to sign up for each hour in the event a person is sick, goes on vacation, etc. We need to ensure someone is present with our Lord at all times.

Photo/Church Directory project. Advertisements form business community is needed. Almost 500 families' photos taken if there are no cancellations. Final photo sessions is on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Personal ads are available to parishioners (birthdays, wedding anniversaries, congratulations etc.

**SPANISH COMMUNITY:** Jennifer Mayen reporting:

March 7-8 - Mission.

March 21 - Children's retreat from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the community center.

Second Emmaus retreat in English being planned for August or September.

Good Samaritan Ministry assisted parishioner with MS. Unemployed family members are thankful.

Big thank you to Knights of Columbus from Christmas families.

Last Saturday's (January 24<sup>th</sup>) talent show had 16 acts. Over \$3000 was received for donations towards the building fund dept.

**BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY:**

Emerson reported a lot of new families in the community. The community is working on nine different families trying to get them to rejoin the parish.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Russ began discussion on the parking lot conditions. Two parishioners have volunteered to insert place the parking violation notes on the windshields of violators of parking zones or double parked cars.

Emerson and Father Jason discussed plans for building a Penafrancia shrine on the island area of the pond. The members of the Brazilian community will furnish materials and labor.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Anne Snyder reporting:

The Finance Council met on January 13, 2015

The parking lot was completed at a total cost of approximately \$18,000.00.

The ceiling tiles in the community center were replace at a cost of less than \$3000.00

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The phone system was installed and all training has been completed.

The installation of the back row of light in the back of the church has been completed.

A discussion centered on how soon remaining debt on all ministries could be paid off. A suggestion was made that at the weekend Masses, the commentator could mention the current balance of the debt. The commentator would explain the purpose of the hard hats as the second collection is for the debt reduction. This would be at the beginning of Mass. Parishioners would be encouraged to be generous.

Father Jason mentioned that 25 to 30 people have expressed interest in having a columbarium. The survey forms will be repeated in the bulletin.

It is getting to budget time again. All department heads are asked to start preparing their budgets. Further information will follow.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Amy reported that Berkeley County School district is requesting class room volunteers who can speak and translate various languages. There is a need for translators for several languages.

Marilyn inquired and began discussion on the Angel Tree. Father Jason checked with Carol and found out that recommendation for selecting children and the gifts for each age group comes from the schools and Social Workers. The Goose Creek UMC has the lead from the GC Clergy Association in coordinating the Angel Tree ministry.

Marilyn reported that she noticed that there was a water leak from the roof over the first pew where the Eucharistic Ministers sit. Father Jason stated that he and the roofing contractor are aware of the leak.

**DREAM SESSION:**

Father Jason's dream is debt retirement.

Catherine mentioned new organ is needed. The old one cannot be repaired because it is too old to get spare parts.

Russ mentioned something needs to be done to dampen the noise in the vestibule prior to Mass. Deacon Dan recommended that Eucharistic Ministers sit with their families and not be part of the procession. Deacon Larry recommended this be reviewed at the next Liturgy Committee meeting.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

**Lenten Mission**

Father Jason is working on the contract to bring Mario Saint Francis to the parish for a two day mission.

**Parish App**

Father Jason has registered the parish on the Parish App site. With a smart phone, parishioners can link to many features. This includes church bulletins, Sunday Mass readings, a calendar, an examination of conscience guide for confession, Father Jason's Catechism 101 lessons, and much more.

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**Columbarium**

Presently researching possible location, pricing costs, design, and contractors.

**Parking Lot Break-ins**

There have been two break-ins recently. The last one was on Saturday, 24 January. Emerson commented that there has been a series of break-ins (11 total) in Goose Creek. They appear to be teenage gang related, possibly being gang initiation activities.

Father Jason reported that security cameras have been installed in the parking lot and there will be cameras installed in the AMC. He said that the church bulletin has a notice posted cautioning against leaving valuables visible in the cars and to lock the car.

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

First Friday devotions will start in February with the Young Spanish Adornos. They will ensure there will be 24 hour Eucharistic devotion through the night on to the 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning Mass.

**Building Fund Debt.** Father Jason commented that the debt is down to 129,000.

**5 p.m. Saturday Mass.** Father Jason commented that he has received no complaints. There are a few late comers to Mass. Deacon Larry stated that attendance is up at the Mass.

**Bishop's Appeal.** Last year the parish met and went over the set goal. Father Jason hopes and prays the parish can do it again. The parish receives money back when we are over the goal.

**Purpose of Deacons.** Deacon Dan commented that the Bishop is directing parishes to explain what deacons are and their purpose. They are not just glorified altar servers; they are ordained ministers. The parish deacons will give these explanations during their next homilies.

Marilyn inquired about the RCIA at Mass. Should an announcement be made when the RCIA class stands to leave Mass? Father Jason explained that it is as part of the blessing the priest gives to RCIA when they gather before the altar, prior to leaving the church to study as a class. The parish prays that for when they will soon be able to be with them in the full liturgy of the Eucharist.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

Father Jason closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Arnold, Secretary