

Church of the Immaculate Conception
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2015 – 7pm – Civic Center

7:00 – Welcome/Opening Prayer

Present: Fr. Chris Shofner, Betty Smisek, Ashlee Rickert, Heather Malecha.

7:05 – 7:55 Update/Review on parish activities and committees

- Parish Directory – on hold; discussed options.
- Volunteer Cards – Rita Diercks held training September 13. 3 new Lectors, 2 will also be Eucharistic Ministers.
- Parish Council – work on creating bylaws, based on examples Fr. Chris sent
- World Meeting of Families prayer cards:
 - 200 cards will be distributed at the Masses this weekend. Extras will be left in pews/ by entrances.
 - 300 cards – give to St. Nicholas to distribute; contact Dianne to coordinate with Fr. Barnes.
 - Announce at beginning of each Mass

7:55 – 9:55 – Updates on areas of parish pastoral ministry:

I. Evangelization: Ashlee Rickert

- a. Marriage Prep – discussed some ideas: couples would meet with Fr. Chris, and be paired with a mentor couple
- b. Homeschooling Co-Op – going well; still working on permanent location.
- c. Cursillo – \$25/pp or \$50/couple. Must have sponsor. Starts as weekend commitment, and then meet regularly after that. Tentatively looking at February.

II. Service / Discipleship: Betty Smisek

- a. Bible Study – discussed both Lent and Advent options.
- b. Welcoming – contact others to see interest in leading/coordinating Greeters
- c. Shut-ins – discussed as Works of Mercy

III. Communication / IT (Information Technology): Heather Malecha

- a. Website team – going well. Next meeting October 19.
- b. Prayers
 - i. Contact Sacristan (Betty Vosejka) – before Final Blessing, ask our visiting priests to lead us in prayer as we await with eager hope for the assignment of our pastor
 - ii. New prayer cards in progress. Add Prayer for Vocations on front; Divine Mercy on back. Explore option to print in full color?
- c. A/V Project at Civic Center – seek help from Knights of Columbus

Parish Pastoral Council mission statement: Family and Friends Fully Alive in Jesus Christ and His Church

9:55 – Closing Prayer – Fr. Chris

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, Nov. 3rd: Archdiocese Listening Series – in selecting our new Archbishop
- Thursday, Nov. 5th: “Forming Intentional Disciples” with Sherry Weddell from 8:30am – 3pm in Oakdale

Future Projects / Opportunities:

- Prayer: Placemats, Prayer Intention Book, Kneeler by Mary
- Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Media hub (back of church)
- Highlight a Saint every month, when room in bulletin