

Church of the Immaculate Conception
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 20, 2015 – 7pm – Civic Center

Welcome/Opening Prayer

Present: Betty Smisek, Ashlee Rickert, Heather Malecha

Update/Review on parish activities and committees

- Parish Directory – in progress
- Parish Council – work on creating bylaws, based on examples Fr. Chris sent
- Prayer Placemats – briefly discussed a couple ideas to give out to Parishioners.
- Clergy Appreciation Day – went well! Spoke after the Homily at each Mass, and said a prayer for Vocations.
- Cards for Fr. McCabe – idea came from several Parishioners; we discussed sending thank-you/good-bye cards to Fr. McCabe. Will seek final approval from Fr. Chris / Archdiocese.
- Helping our community for the upcoming holidays:
 - Thanksgiving – discussed a “Fill the Baskets” food drive and raising money for the food shelf. Ashlee will contact Tami at the Lonsdale Area Food Shelf for details.
 - Christmas – Ashlee will contact LAFS to see if they know of / offer a gift program.
 - Clothing drive – discussed options such as Caring & Sharing Hands, Joseph’s Coat, and Loaves & Fishes.

Updates on areas of parish pastoral ministry:

I. Evangelization: Ashlee Rickert

- a. Marriage Prep – on hold until we get a new priest.
- b. Homeschooling Co-Op – very strong; wrapping up 1st quarter. Donation was made to offset rental costs.
- c. Cursillo Weekend – tentatively planning February

II. Service / Discipleship: Betty Smisek

- a. Bible Study – discussed a few options. Will reach out to others who expressed interest in helping with the next program.
- b. Welcoming – in progress

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

- a. Website team – new site to be completed in the next few weeks. Finance and Pastoral Council members and contact information will be available on the new site, along with meeting minutes. Obtain an electronic copy of the Volunteer Card and post on website. Next meeting: January.
- b. Prayer Cards – in progress
- c. Parish Contacts – talk with Dianne about adding Pastoral Council to the list in the bulletin.
- d. A/V Project at Civic Center - DONE! Need to document settings, label everything and create how-to documentation.

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

Closing Prayer

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, Nov. 3rd: Archdiocese Listening Series – in selecting our new Archbishop

Future Projects / Opportunities:

- Prayer: Placemats, Prayer Intention Book, Kneeler by Mary
- Shut-Ins
- Media hub (back of church)
- Highlight a Saint every month, when room in bulletin