

Church of the Immaculate Conception
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2015 – 7:30pm – Civic Center
Our Mission Statement: Family and Friends Fully Alive in Jesus Christ and His Church

Welcome/Opening Prayer

Present: Betty Smisek, Ashlee Rickert, Heather Malecha

Guest Speaker: Deb Sirek. Group will meet Mondays during Advent for 45-60 minutes at The Villages using the Advent and Christmas Daily reflections book. Betty will facilitate and Deb will lead meetings.

Update/Review on parish activities and committees

- Prayer Placements and Holy Family candles – include candles with Advent Reflections group with suggested donation of \$10. Give as gift to new Parish families, 1st Communion and Baptism.
- Cards for Fr. McCabe – approved. Informed Adeline Malecha and the ladies' groups will coordinate. Letters will be given to Fr. Shofner to mail to Fr. McCabe.
- Helping our community for the upcoming holidays:
 - Thanksgiving – LAFS will hand out meals November 19. Food Drive would need to take place early November. Given timeframe and our commitment to Christmas Gift program, we will look at doing a Food Drive early next year.
 - LAFS Christmas Gift Program – committed to 3 families (no more than 10 persons); KC agreed to buy gifts not chosen. Response was wonderful, so we are looking at sponsoring up to 5 more people.
 - Clothing drive – table for now.
- Youth Group Team – Betty attended and shared ideas based on her work with Youth Group several years ago. Inquired if help is needed from the Council; yes: how to attract youth to the program?
- Our yearly event calendar – plan for special meeting in January

Updates on areas of parish pastoral ministry:

I. Evangelization: Ashlee Rickert

- a. Homeschooling Co-Op – thriving!
- b. Cursillo – February
- c. Ladies Auxiliary – looking to form in 2016

II. Service / Discipleship: Betty Smisek

- a. Bible Study – Advent reflections in December
- b. Welcoming – will reach out to those who volunteered
- c. Kneelers placed by Mary and Joseph

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

- a. Website team – new site completed Nov 6. Bulletin announcement & thank you November 14-15. Continue to maintain. Next meeting in January.
- b. Prayer Cards – in progress.
- c. CC A/V Project – documentation in progress. Research a carrying case and cart/stand for projector; Finance Council approved. Check fund balance. Research permanent stand/table for A/V equipment.
- d. Events/upcoming meetings calendar – discussed ideas, both print and web

Closing Prayer

Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 15-21: National Bible Week
- Sat. Feb 6: WINE “Mercy: Encountering Boundless Love” at Mary Mother of Church in Burnsville 9:30a-3:30p

Future Projects / Opportunities:

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