**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

**Mattoon, IL September 8, 2020**

**In attendance:** Fr. John, Carla Will, Deacon Gene, Dick Considine, June Kriesel, Denise Cooling, Hallie Niemerg, Cameron Bianco, Jan Wetzel, Garic Lawrence, Chris Logue, Ella Farris

**Absent:** Todd Farris, Tina Smith, Tiffany Gibson, Pam Wright, Chase Rich

**Opening Prayer:** Deacon Gene

**Review of February 2020 Minutes.**

**Fr. John:** Thank you - Matt England, Nicole Durbin and Rob Farabaugh for your service to Parish Council. Welcome new members - Chase Rich, Jan Wetzel, Garic Lawrence, Chris Logue and Ella Farris.

**Hospitality**

Social Committee: Ready to serve for upcoming events. Unused Easter Candy will be distributed to PSR students.

Knights of Columbus: Knights met in July to brainstorm fundraising, plan to host the Casino Night in February 2021.

Couples Dinner/Sweethearts Dance: May be hosted in Parish Center on February 13, 2021 or may move to April or May for a Spring Dance.

New Pictorial Directory: Planning for July/August 2021.

**Prayer**

Tolton Statue: Planning for an October program and blessing of the statue in Parish Center. Fr. Peter Chineke will be invited to attend.

Men’s Retreat: October 24th - Mass at IC at 8 AM followed by guest speakers (Millikin University assistant basketball coach Kramer Soderberg and Andrew Sheehan of Immaculate Conception Parish) in the Parish Center.

**Formation**

PSR: Classes resume in-person on October 18th, grades K-8.

RCIA: Begins Tuesday, September 15th in Parish Center.

Adult Enrichment: ***James: Pearls for Wise Living*** – Thursday, 9:30 AM in Parish Center from September 3rd through Nov 12th.

Thursday Night at the Movies: ***Fatima: The Movie*** – free showing in PC on Thursday, October 1st at 6:30 PM. Community invited.

Christian Formation Center: Head Start staff and students resumed in-person classes on Thursday, August 20.

Blessings in a Backpack: Backpack bags provided to all Head Start students weekly during the schoolyear.

Confirmation: September 27th at 1 PM and 5 PM or at a Family Confirmation Mass.

First Communion: October 11th at 1 PM or at a Family Confirmation/First Communion Mass.

Rosary Renewal Mission: – Oct 4-7, with Fr. George Knab, OMI. Will include a morning and evening opportunity to learn more about the Mysteries of the Rosary.

HSYG: Group meets regularly on Sunday evenings in Parish Center. Students will participate in the October 4th Life Chain in Sullivan.

Anti-Racism Training: – Webinar - Oct 5, 6 & 8. Contact Roy Lanham at EIU with interest.

**Projects**

Parking Lot: Requesting new estimate to resurface the parking lot. Hoping for March 2021.

Bell Tower: Tuesday, July 21st, Bell Tower was struck by lightning. The bells are the original IC bells and are priceless. Insurance will cover most of expense, minus deductible. Carillon system will be installed which will allow the ability to play thousands of songs.

Electronic Sign: Reviewing bids – will be installed where existing sign is outside the southeast corner of PC.

PC Painting: All exterior of the Parish Center will be painted, except the brick.

**October Meeting**

Tuesday, October 13th @ 6:30 PM in Parish Center.

Prayer Assignment: Garic Lawrence

***The Prodigal Church: Restoring Catholic Tradition in an Age of Deception,*** by Brandon McGinley, was distributed to all in attendance. **Please read to page 46 and prepare for discussion at the October 13th meeting.**