

## Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council Notes

**Date:** Thursday, April 4, 2025 | **Time:** 7:00-8:30pm | **Location:** St. Ann

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### Notes

Attendance: Dan Schindler, Frank Vitale, Joyce Thomas, Erin Fontaine, Tim Vaughn, Arline Argentati, Betsy Waldeck, Mark Conese

Staff: Gwenda Laney, Kathy Middendorf, Bill Dirr, Jennifer Klein (new St. Ann principal), Fr. Tharp, Heather Wagner

Absent: Chuck Smith, Mike Wolf, Jose Martinez, Jim Stemann, Donna Weber, Carol Mulcahey

#### St. Ann Reports

- School Report
  - Broadway Bruins performed Aladdin this past weekend.
  - The Sorrowful Mysteries will be on April 17 at 10am in Church.
  - Spring Break is April 18-27<sup>th</sup>
  - Preparing for end of year activities: First Communion, Field Day, School Picnic and Graduation
  - Closing out all required reports for the end of the year
  - Preparing for the new Principal – Mrs. Klein

#### Sacred Heart Reports

- School Report
  - Enrollment update – last admission letters are going out tomorrow. Current is 450; projected sis 471 (93% capacity)
  - 2 teacher openings; both have been filled
  - 1 auxiliary opening to be filled
  - School garden – picked out the Immaculate Heart of Mary statue for the garden; the garden planting will begin in May
- New Business
  - Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Opening Day Parade – April 26
    - Steve Smith would like to use the Sacred Heart Parking Lot as the staging location for the parade. He checked the date and it is available. Parish Council provided carte blanche approval last year. The group may proceed.

#### Director of Administration Update

- St. Ann Festival – the St. Ann Festival will not be occurring this year. There were not enough Festival Committee members and not enough volunteers. A festival fund drive will be taking place. A meeting will be held the second week of April to discuss how to promote that.
- K. Middendorf provided the financials for each parish.
- J. Martinez would like to conduct a survey on current subscriptions provided by the Parish. The Office of Evangelization would conduct the survey digitally.

#### Director of Facilities Update

- Updates to signed contracts
  - 60 ton aaron unit (and controls) will be done once school is out.
  - St. Ann cafeteria AC and Gr. 1 and Gr. 3 AC units will be completed over Spring Break.
  - B. Dirr would like Parish Council to approve the coal bin at St. Ann. \$280 for each 4x4 sidewalk block. The curb is not the responsibility of St. Ann. The city of Hamilton will take care of doing the work and invoice the school if the school

does not have an approved contract. The city will allow for a five year payment plan, which would accrue interest. **Motion:** To approve the completion of the coal bin by the city of Hamilton done by Progressive Plumbing at \$72,100. J. Thomas made motion. A. Argentati seconded. Motion passed.

- Timing – will start early in June as there will be no water in the school
- Steam line has been tabled until further notice.
- Soffit repair on school and gutter repair on parish office. B. Dirr has received the certificate of approval from the city of Hamilton. The cost \$7,775 for school and \$2,500 for school. **Motion:** To approve Eckstein Roofing to do the work. E. Fontaine made motion. A. Argentati seconded. Motion passed.
- Metal storage unit at St. Ann. B. Dirr got another quote for a metal structure for \$140k. Ben's Construction notified B. Dirr that the cost for these buildings are so expensive because it's expensive to put brick on the metal compared to a wooden structure. B. Dirr receive a quote for a wooden structure – 25x40, 1000 sq ft; includes concrete and footers with red brick and tan siding brick that would match parish office with three 9 foot garage doors and once access door for a price of \$98,000. The city of Hamilton needs to approve.
- Handrail in St. Ann Church – B. Dirr got a drawing of the railing. He provided the railing drawing to the Archdiocese (AoC), but the AoC has not responded yet.
- Landscaping at Sacred Heart – Jim Endres did bush removal and wanted to do a hardscape with pea gravel outside of the Parish offices on Nilles Rd. There is concern that pea gravel **Motion:** Before any other work is done, J. Endres needs to specify what he will be doing and provide pictures or examples to Parish Council. PC does not approve the use of pea gravel. J. Thomas made motion. F. Vitale seconded. Motion passed.

#### Pastor Updates

- Communion call program needs reinvigorated to prepare for Fr. Tharp's retirement. Fr. Tharp would like a process/system in place by the end of May 2025. Melody Wallace will begin working on this to identify volunteers (2-3/region of our Parish Family area).
- New Pastor
  - Fr. Sunberg is looking forward to coming to our parish family. He has been a pastor previously.
  - He could be invited to the May or June Parish Council meeting.
- Beacons of Light
  - It is not time yet to resubmit the merger proposal to the AoC yet. Fr. Tharp is meeting on Monday with Fr. Sunberg to ask him if he prefers for Fr. Tharp to send the updated letter or if he would like to send it once he joins as Pastor in July.

#### General Business

- Process of Constitution Review
  - We should only review critical points, such as members, elections, tenure, etc. to make the review more efficient.
  - Wordsmithing can be done by a small group of people after the critical items have been addressed by the group.
  - Action items for members: bring ideas for # of members, # of terms, tenure, election/nominations to the May meeting for group discussion.
- Continue Review of Constitution (Article 3, section 4)
  - We will continue to review at the next meeting as so many members are absent.

**2025 Schedule** - First Thursday at 7:00pm

**Next Meeting:** May 1 at Sacred Heart

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	September 4	St. Ann
June 5	St. Ann	October 2	Sacred Heart
July	<i>Summer Break</i>	November 6	St. Ann
August 7	Sacred Heart*	December 4	Sacred Heart