

Immaculate Conception Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday July 10, 2025
6:00 PM – IC Heritage Room

Members Present: Fr. Diehm, Deacon Kevin Hagarty, Amanda Anderson, Chad Bedard, Brian Delagardelle, Vince McFadden, Carla Sue Reuter, Diane Thoma, and recording secretary Beth Wiebbecke.

1. Carla Sue Reuter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Fr. Diehm led us in prayer.
3. Approval of agenda and minutes. Motioned by V. McFadden, seconded by C Bedard.
4. Welcomed new members. Brian D 2nd term & Amanda 1st term.
5. Old Business
 - a. Refinish of Pews. Pews have been completed and look nice.
6. New Business
 - a. 150 Year Dedication – 1875 – 2025. Decided that October 19th would be a good day to celebrate to coincide with our parish Harvestfest celebration. Will see if Archbishop Zinkula can join us. Will look into a limited amount of souvenirs to hand out.
 - b. Archdiocese Journey in faith – 2 year process to renew discipleship and strengthen parish life. Will affect all parishes in the Diocese.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance and Administration
 - a. Tuition Assistance Available Cash – still funds in the account. We will work with the school to offer assistance to those who are behind on their tuition payments. Preferable offer them assistance once they start making payments.
 - b. Buildings and Grounds
 - a. Church, altar, and organ cleaning – Inside church cleaning is completed. Harris clean will do duct work on July 14th. Church to open up on July 15th. Organ cleaning to start on July 28th and will last approx. 4 days. Altar cleaning will be before the end of November.
 - b. Sidewalk Repair – Discussion was held on the sidewalk and wall replacement. The finance committee recommended that we replace everything on the bid from Schares Landscaping. B. Delagardelle talked about repairing a sewer line to the road at the same time. Motion to approve by C Reuter, seconded by C. Bedard, all in favor yes. Motion approved.
 - c. There has been some water damage to the Heritage room area. Per the company that did the repairs, they suggested that the flat roof needs to be replaced soon.

- c. Board of Education
 - a. Principal's report & BCSS Operational report. Enrollment is up. Looking for Bus Drivers
 - d. Community Life, Social Concerns – Welcomed 2 new families.
 - e. Spiritual Growth and Liturgy - Lots of concerns about only one 8am Mass on Easter morning. We should be back to normal going forward with Fr. Gossman back.
 - f. Adult Faith Formation – Diane Thoma has been hired as the Adult Faith Formation coordinator for both parishes. Diane stated the Lenten sessions she held were well attended. She is planning a parish pilgrimage on September 14 to the Guadalupe Shrine in LaCrosse WI. Also looking into the Christ our Life trip to Des Moines in 2026.
 - g. Deanery – Fr. James Goerend, St. Athanasius new priest has joined the Deanery. Journey in Faith will also look at how they operate.
7. Fr. Diehm's comments – Need to plan on how to be more transparent on parish finances.
8. Motion to Adjourn – Motioned by C. Bedard, seconded by A. Anderson.

Next meeting dates: **September 11, 2025, November 13, 2025, January 8, 2026, March 12, 2026**, May 14, 2026 at 6pm/7pm, IC Heritage Room.

Distribution:

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