

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – August 19, 2015

In Attendance: Fr. Marcoe, George Severns, Pat Renaut, Jeff Seifert, John Maysilles, Amanda Wicker, Sr, Rosanne Karmazin, Wendy Behr, Rachel Brewer, Rachel Mailey, and Danielle Walton.

1. Opening prayer by Fr. Marcoe
2. Approval of May minutes: John M. and Sr. Rosanne
3. Ministry for People with Disabilities- Danielle Walton has been working on this and would like to add to the parish Time and Talent questionnaire to see what our parish needs are. A disability is not just an inaccessibility to get to church, but can be a feeling of not being welcomed due to a disability.
4. Youth Ministry and Evangelization- Jeff S. spoke about the recent youth group kick-off meeting and the successful turnout of youth and parents.
5. Celebrating in connection with Pope Francis' visit and the “World Meeting of Families”
  - Parish picnic- great feedback from families, less theme baskets this year and added more things that everyone can participate in. The bounce house is always popular, great food.
  - Movie night Aug. 29- playing “Yogi”, admission is a nonperishable item for the food pantry, and a covered dish dinner with food also provided by our Knights of Columbus.
  - Family night Sept. 13- IHM entertainment (8-10 performances so far), Knights of Columbus providing dinner.
  - Adoration and Mass Sept. 27- adoration, personal prayer, praying the Rosary short break with snacks, and mass to be shown downstairs in the social hall.
6. The Parish Pastoral Council meetings for 2015-2016 will be monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month (excluding December) from August through May.
7. Mini Retreat- Scheduled for October 24, from 9-12. The theme is Evangelization. Father would like to invite the Evangelization Committee and the head of each organization to join us so we can begin to work together in this effort.
8. Ministry fair- still something we would really like to do- possibly during the next parish picnic?
9. Amendment of Constitution and By Laws- John Maysilles did an excellent job of rewriting the new mission statement and budget wording. We will be able to vote on the new wording at the next meeting.
10. Father received the top priorities from each council member so he could gather our input and we can focus on a few things from each mission area for the next two years.

11. We discussed ways to welcome new parishioners into our parish. Having a formal “new parishioner” meet and greet night to coffee and donuts after mass to try and welcome those you may not know.
12. Member involvement- look over the draft given by George S., add in Danielle's question's to help those who may have (or know someone who doesn't attend church due to) a disability, send any comments and suggestions to George's email. Rachel M. suggested the use of Survey Monkey in addition to the paper surveys in church.
13. The Parish Census is a parish database system to collect information about who is coming to church, who's not, why, their age, etc.
14. “One Who Serves” (pgs. 56-58) Current Cultural Context- Why are so many Catholics not attending Mass regularly? There are many reasons or excuses but we need to make going to Mass a priority, an important decision that we make each Sunday. “The New Evangelization is a call to each person to deepen his or her own faith...”, having a personal relationship with Jesus.

Next meeting  
**September 16, 2015**  
7:00pm