

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**September 26, 2005**

**Members in Attendance:**

Rev. Eric P. Raaser, Pastor	Charlie Giangreco	Vincent Reilly	Connie DeLaurentis
Joanne Chirico	Lynn Callahan	Christine Catania	Rev. Joseph Fallon
Dr. Elaine Farrell	David Gutierrez	Patricia Longo	Kathy McAteer
Tom McAteer	Ana Nunes	Sr. Rose Vermette, RCD	Deacon Anthony Viola

**Members Absent:**

Bud Malfetano  
Anthony Puglisi

Charlie Giangreco called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and announced there was a quorum present. .

The meeting began with an opening prayer.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held June 27, 2005, were unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers 2005-2006**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following members of the Council were elected officers for the 2005-2006 year:

Charles Giangreco – President  
Vincent Reilly – Vice-President  
Joanne Chirico – Corresponding Secretary  
Connie DeLaurentis – Recording Secretary

## **EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS**

**RCIA:**

Sister Rose reported she is involved with interviewing candidates. There are 3 adults who are meeting with Kathy and Tom McAteer. There are 2 teenagers who have been working for 1 year and 2 other teenagers joining, plus a couple of other youngsters.

**PSR:**

Lynn Callahan informed the Council that new classes have begun. She commented PSR was fortunate to have catechists for every session. She stated the program is taking on more students this year. There are presently 812 students, with 112 first graders.

**School:**

Dr. Farrell reported the following:

- School opened 2 weeks ago with 390 students, and everything is going very well.
- Open house and back-to-school night were very well attended.

- The first fundraiser will be the Scholastic Book Fair.
- During October school will be closed 2 days in order for the teachers to attend conferences at Cardinal Spellman School in the Bronx.
- New York State changed all Math requirements. The curriculum is being revamped, which will require the purchase of new books.
- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in October, grade 6 will leave school to participate in Nature's Classroom.

**Vicariate:**

Ana Nunes could not attend the June 13<sup>th</sup> Vicariate Meeting, but stated she was sent a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting. Ana asked for a volunteer to attend the Vicariate meetings because she has taken a course in school that meets on Tuesday evenings.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Web Site:**

Chris Catania reported the following:

- She requested Nilsa McAdams to review the Spanish Ministry page because the committee is doing quite a lot.
- Father Raaser has his own web page.

**Hospitality:**

Ana Nunes advised that a regular Hospitality Sunday has not been scheduled because of Msgr. Oliverio's Day of celebration. The first Hospitality Sunday will be in November.

Father Raaser suggested Hospitality be after the Sunday 9 o'clock and 10:30 a.m. Masses only, since the 12 o'clock Mass is poorly attended. He thought having the next Hospitality Sunday in November was a good idea, and perhaps with a Thanksgiving Theme.

**Evangelization:**

Pat Longo advised that the Committee arranged a Bible Study Program, which is being held at the Father Fata Hall on Friday evenings. At the present time, they are in the middle of the 6-session program. Assumption and Immaculate Conception parishioners are attending the program.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Msgr. Oliverio Day Celebration:**

Since Msgr. Oliverio was not available on September 18<sup>th</sup>, the celebration planned for him was moved to October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The day will begin with the celebration of Mass at 12 o'clock, followed by a reception in the lower church. Ana Nunes will plan for 300 people.

As discussed at the last meeting, Charlie purchased the DVD player and tapes to be presented to Msgr. Oliverio as a gift from the Parish Council. In order to avoid unnecessary expenses by Council members, Father Raaser suggested the DVD player and tapes be given in the name of the Parish,

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Since elections for Parish Council Members are held every year in June, and it would be difficult to hold a special election at this point in time to replace the seat of Council member Bud Malfetano, who is very ill and is presently

in a nursing home, it was decided to leave his name on the absent list. Kathy McAteer was asked to remain as a Council member.

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of the Council holding a Ministry Fair this fall. Pat Longo, Kathy McAteer, Connie DeLaurentis and Vincent Reilly will chair the event. It was the consensus of the members that this fall was too soon to put together a Ministry Fair. Charlie suggested perhaps the Ministry Fair could be held in the spring. Pat Longo will investigate the possibility and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

A discussion took place regarding placing the Parish Council Minutes on the Ushers' tables in the Church. A proposal was made to place the Minutes on the Web Site. Father Raaser suggested the Parish Council write a small paragraph in the Parish Bulletin to let the parishioners know what the Parish Council does. Charlie will write a paragraph stating that the Parish Council elected its officers for 2005/2006, and will e-mail it to Chris for the Bulletin.

Pat Longo noticed it is very difficult to hear the priest at the microphone at the ambo in the front of the Church. She felt something had to be done about the sound system.

### **FATHER RAASER'S TIME:**

Father Raaser reported the following:

- He called Monte Brothers regarding the sound system in the Church. He also met with parishioner Ben Rosner, who is coming in to look at the microphone.
- He asked an independent auditor to come in and look at the finances of the Parish. Once he receives a report, he will reconvene the Finance Committee. He is hopeful he will receive a report by the end of October, and hopefully will be able to give a financial report to the parishioners at Masses in December.
- Regarding the building of a Parish Center, it is his belief the building of a gym for the school would be sufficient. He is putting off the campaign for one year in order to get advice from the Parish Council, Finance Committee and Dr. Farrell. He would like to see the majority of the money to build the gym coming from the school parents. He ascertained that 36 families of ICS students pledged \$135,000 last year.
- Since the house next door to the rectory is empty, it is being cleaned and will be used as a meeting place.
- The construction of a mausoleum is a dead issue. There are no funds to build it. He would like to see if the Parish could buy back empty plots at the cemetery. Janet is putting a list of cemetery records on the computer.
- The Parish finances are in the black, but not by much.
- In response to Tom McAteer's questions regarding the bell tower; the floors are shot and birds have been living there.
- In response to Tom's questions regarding repairs to the Church; the Stations of the Cross are peeling because of moisture in the walls, the windows and sound systems need to be looked at. A punch list is made for repairs to the Church.

There being no further business before the Council; the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday, October 24, 2005.