



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe  
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Open/Finance Council Meeting  
Thursday, October 12, 2017

**Members in Attendance:** Father Peter Joyce, Georgette Costello, George Dudzek, Jodi George, Anita McMahon, Jacquie Olansen, Marie Zelinski, Bill Zipparo

**Opening Prayer:** Jacquie Olansen

**Pastoral Council Facilitator:** Father Pete/Bill Zipparo

**Welcome to New Members:** Father Pete welcomed Georgette Costello as a new member to the council and Anita McMahon as a returning member. He acknowledged Tim O'Shea as a new member and Shannon O'Reilly as a student representative.

**Structure of Pastoral Council:** Father Pete asked for nominations for Pastoral Council Facilitator. Bill Zipparo was nominated and by a roll call vote was unanimously elected. Father Pete then asked for nominations for Recording Secretary. Jacquie Olansen was nominated and by a roll call vote was unanimously elected.

**Approval of Minutes:** George Dudzek made a motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting and Jodi George seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Finance Council Report:** Father Pete distributed the Financial Report covering the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 for review by the Council and those attending the open meeting. The Stewardship Report for the same period was also included. Father Pete thanked Barbara Herr for the great job she did in preparing the report. There were no questions or concerns from those attending the meeting.

**Old Business:**

- **Capital Campaign for the Parish Center:** To date, approximately \$1.5 million has been pledged from 265 families. The final "push" will be during the month of November. The goal is to not only raise the needed funds but to also have the parish come together as a community through this endeavor. The conclusion of the Capital Campaign is December 1, 2017.
- **Bishop McHugh signage:** A deposit was sent to Michael Franklin. Hopefully, we will have pictures of the signage in place for the next meeting.
- **St. Casimir Feast Day:** March 4, 2018 is the Feast Day of St. Casimir for which a celebration will be planned.
- **Parish Retreat:** Father Pete has received several suggestions for a retreat during the Lenten season. More information will be forthcoming.
- **Hispanic Ministry:** Finding a Spanish-speaking priest has been difficult and, at this time, none are available.

- ***Cushions on Pews:*** Father Pete met with Jack Griffin who will providing samples of materials and colors so the committee will be able to select the pew cushions and kneelers.
- ***RFP architect:*** A draft has been drawn up to present to the diocesan-vetted architects.
- ***Classroom Carpeting:*** At present, this is still on David's long list of items.
- ***Anointing Mass:*** On Sunday, October 22, at 2:00p.m. will be the celebration of the Anointing Mass.
- ***All Souls Mass:*** This year 91 families came together to celebrate through a Funeral Mass or Memorial Mass the passing of their loved ones. As a parish, we are all invited to attend this Mass to provide our support to these families and to remember our own faithful departed. This Mass which will be celebrated at the Church of the Resurrection on Thursday, November 2, at 7:00p.m.
- ***Thanksgiving Baskets:*** On Monday, November 20, the Thanksgiving baskets at COTR will be assembled and given out to the needy.

#### **New Business:**

- ***Pastor Evaluation:*** All members of the Parish are urged to complete the survey regarding the pastorate of Father Pete. The survey may be completed on line or hard copies are available at the rectory and will be in the gathering areas of both churches this weekend. Spanish surveys are also available. This method of surveying the parish when a pastor's term is expiring was instituted by the Diocese of Camden last year.
- ***Parish Census:*** The staff has been working on determining a more accurate count for the parish. Those who are inactive will be moved to a separate file while those active will be more readily available for mailings, etc.
- ***Carmen Boyle, Voyage of St. Brendan:*** On November 3, Carmen Boyle, a speaker, story teller, and singer will perform at the Church of the Resurrection. Kathy Brewer has been spearheading this event which will hopefully include the parishioners of Saint Brenden the Navigator.
- ***Advent Penance Service:*** The Advent Penance Service will be held at the Church of the Resurrection on Tuesday, December 12 at 7p.m.
- ***Feed the Needy:*** The Knights of Columbus annual Christmas "Feed the Needy" program will take place on Saturday, December 23. In addition, they will collect gifts for individuals at the Covenant House to be distributed by the Knights. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Knights will have the "Giving tree" which provides gifts for the older children not covered by the Toys for Tots program.
- ***Christmas Decorating:*** Friday morning, December 22, the two churches will be decorated for Christmas. Anyone wishing to volunteer their help is welcome.

***Community comments:*** Father Pete thanked everyone for coming to the open meeting. A discussion and question/answer period about the capital campaign, the pavilion, and the pledge amounts then ensued.

***Final Thoughts:*** Great to see fund raising coming along so well; thanks for future dates; thank you for allowing me to be secretary again; thank you for allowing me to be on the Council; very good meeting; lots of good info; lots of information; thank you for allowing me to be the facilitator again.

#### **Action Items:**

- ***Cushions on Pews:*** Father Pete, Jodi George, Gary Mruz, Bill Zipparo
- ***Capital Campaign:*** All

- ***Parish Retreat:*** Father Pete
- ***Hispanic Representation:*** Jose Santiago
- ***Bishop McHugh Signage:*** Father Pete
- ***Cleaning of Pews:*** Father Pete

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 16, 2017 @ 7p.m. in the Extension

**Prayer:** Marie Zelinski

**Refreshments:** Anita McMahan

**Final Prayer:** Father Pete