



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Ed Burke, Jodi George, Marge DeFoney, Anita McMahon, Linda O'Gorman, Jacquie Olansen, Annette Sherby, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Linda O'Gorman There was an additional prayer, led by Sara Bartleson, for Freddy Ramos, a young man who was hit by a vehicle today.

Pastoral Council Leader: Bill Zipparo

Guest Presenter: Sara Bartleson, Coordinator for the St. Casimir Thrift Shop and Food Pantry, provided the council with an overview of both the Thrift Shop and Food Pantry. She described the vital needs for serving the community as well as her need for dedicated volunteers. Not only is it necessary to "feed and clothe" the clients, but also to lend an ear, give a hug, or just be there for them. Sara explained how there are daily requirements for keeping the pantry and thrift shop functioning well such as stocking shelves, moving furniture, sorting clothing and other donations, and keeping the facility clean. The Parish nurses do blood pressure screenings on Tuesdays and once a month there is lead testing available. Suggestions were made to place a notice in the bulletin for volunteers; Jodi George volunteered to seek older Boy Scouts to assist; to reach out to schools and other churches. Sara's presentation provided us not only with information about the pantry and thrift shop, but most definitely about her dedication to these areas.

Approval of Minutes: Annette Sherby made a motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting and Anita McMahon seconded it. The motion passed with one abstention.

Introduction of New Members: Jodi George and Bill Zipparo began their three-year term with the council. Gary Mruz, also a new member, was unable to attend. Ed Burke, a new member of the Finance Committee was also introduced.

Old Business:

Youth Representative: Father Pete has contacted three young men to join the Council. They have not committed at this point; however, Father will make contact before the November meeting.

Capital Improvements: The roof on Saint Joseph's is complete. Insulated panels have been installed in the ceiling of the pavilion to retain the heat making the building usable for all seasons.

Parish Appreciation: The "Appreciation Day" at L's was very well received. The turnout was good. It was suggested that perhaps each organization should be advised to let their volunteers know to attend such a function as some people may have thought "they didn't deserve to go". The question was also raised as to whether we should have an Appreciation Day annually.

Parish Accounting: The accounting information will be available in the bulletin this week. Following that, on October 22, at 7:00 p.m., in the COTR extension, there will be an open meeting for parishioners to ask questions and/or make comments. All are invited to attend.

Parish Mission: Linda O'Gorman provided us with the names of three possible choices for our Mission after Easter. She will meet with Father Pete to further discuss this and make a decision as to whom to invite. Father Pete stated that the Liturgy committee is also working on activities for corporal and spiritual works of mercy as the Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015 and continues through November 30, 2016, The Feast of Christ the King.

Parish "Funraiser": Having "fun" night was enthusiastically discussed. Anita McMahon provided information regarding the Mouse Trap bowling lanes. The maximum number of people is 220 with 72 bowling at one time. The cost for food and bowling would be \$15 - \$20 per person without drinks. Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday would be the best days to plan an event there. Jacquie Olansen researched several areas. Upon noting that a Party Bus for 35 people for 5 hours cost \$1200, it was determined to rule that out. Party boats run the months of May to September so information was not available; however, the Cape May Ferry was not researched. A magician, Chad Juros, and comedians were then discussed. The consensus was to begin with the magician, whom several members had already seen. It was decided to check availability of Bishop McHugh for a date in February and then coordinate with the magician. It was further decided that having a Mass at 5:30 followed by a dinner of pizza, etc, and then the show would be a good choice. This would be our "Family Dinner and Show". Anita and Jacquie will continue working on the details and arrangements. It was suggested that the bowling and comedian also be events for future dates.

New Business:

Facilitator and Recorder: At the November meeting, it will be necessary to discuss the positions of facilitator and recorder.

Final Thoughts: Thank you; Happy to be here; Sara was very good; felt very connected to Sara; touched by her spirit; Glad we are trying new things; Glad to be here, lots of energy; Thank you; Honored to be back on Council.

Action Items:

Small Christian Communities: Father Pete and Marge DeFoney

Parish Fun Night: Anita McMahon and Jacquie Olansen

Youth Representative: Father Pete

Parish Mission: Linda O'Gorman

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 12 @ 7:00 p.m. in the COTR Extension. (Please note that this will be the meeting place moving forward.)

Opening Prayer: Marge DeFoney

Refreshments: Annette Sherby

Closing Prayer: Father Pete