



**Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe**

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 1, 2016

**Members in Attendance:** Father Peter Joyce, Ed Burke, Kevin Catanoso, George Dudzek, Jodi George, Gary Mruz, Linda O’Gorman, Jacquie Olansen, Anita McMahon, Jared Schiavonne, Jason Schiavonne, Marie Zelinski and Bill Zipparo

**Opening Prayer:** Jacquie Olansen

**Pastoral Council Facilitator:** Bill Zipparo

**Approval of Minutes:** Marie Zelinski made a motion to accept the minutes and Jason Schiavonne seconded the motion. Jacquie noted that there was a misspelling of Frank Runyon’s name in the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- **Year of Mercy Retreat:** Jacquie Olansen stated that the Retreat went well. Approximately 50 people attended and many requested that there be more daytime Parish activities.
- **Bells:** Father Pete restated that \$2000 has been donated for the bells and having them may become a reality. Bill Zipparo was in contact with *Church Specialties* to obtain specific information on costs of the bells. Bill made a motion that Father Pete pursue the specifics for the bells and the attempt to have them in place before Christmas. Marie Zelinski seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Sacristy at COTR:** The tile has been installed in the Sacristy. Thank you to Tim Murray and his crew for the installation. Father asked that anyone who might have carpet remnants for the confessional to contact him. Needless to say, the confessional cannot be tiled as carpeting is needed to absorb sound.
- **Feasibility Update:** Father Pete advised us that the Feasibility study is going ahead as planned. The weekend of December 31/January 1, Father will talk to the parishioners at all the Masses informing them of the procedures that need to be followed. There will be three phases to the study. Steve Michalek will conduct 30 – 50 interviews during the January 17 to January 26 time frame. That will be followed by discussions with three focus groups including young parents and parish leadership members. The official report will be presented to Father Pete, the Parish Council, the Finance Committee, and the Trustees on Thursday, February 9, 2017.
- **Book Club:** The book club is going strong. The group began discussing *Infancy Narratives by Pope Benedict* on November 30
- **Parish “Fun” Raising:**
  - **Fishing:** Jodi George has made several calls but has not had any response yet
  - **New York:** Marie Zelinski stated that nothing was available for this year and the bus quotes she received were quite expensive. It was suggested that we consider areas other than New York, such as Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc.
  - **Trivia Night:** Gary Mruz said he would be able to give more input after the New Year.

- **Pew Cushions:** Gary Mruz stated that he has spoken with Jack Griffin regarding pews for COTR. Father Pete requested that Gary obtain a contract with specifics for that project.

#### **New Business:**

- **Thanksgiving Baskets:** The Thanksgiving Baskets were handed out on November 21 at the Church of the Resurrection. Eighty-six families were served. At St. Casimir, 157 families were served over a three-day period. All those receiving were very thankful. And a huge thank you to all those who donated their time, money, and donations of food at both churches. This is a large undertaking which cannot be successful without the assistance of so many.
- **Frank Runyon:** The Christmas based show will be presented on Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m. The Ladies' Auxiliary is sponsoring this event
- **Feed the Needy:** On Saturday, December 17, the Knights of Columbus of COTR will host the annual Feed the Needy project. This project provides food for a Christmas dinner as well as some breakfast items. Toys for Tots working with the Knights provides toys for children. Each year approximately 200 families have the meals and toys delivered to their homes. In conjunction, the Ladies' Auxiliary has a giving tree for those aged 15 – 18. The parishioners' response was amazing. All cards were gone before all Masses were over.
- **Covenant House:** On Christmas Day the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a brunch for the residents of the Covenant House. Jim Kelly has obtained specific information regarding gifts for these individuals and has had a tremendous response of giving from the parish community.
- **Christmas Mass Schedule:** Father Pete provided members with a copy of the Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule for both churches.

#### **Action Items:**

- **St. Maximilian statute:** Father Peter Joyce
- **Bells:** Father Pete
- **Parish "Fun" Raiser:** Jodi George – Fishing; Jacquie Olansen and Marie Zelinski – New York trip; and Trivia Night – Gary Mruz
- **Cushions on Pews:** Gary Mruz

**Final Thoughts:** Excited about the bells; happy for the Feed the Needy program; like Christmas in the Pavilion; looking forward to exciting times; good feeling; impressed by the generosity of the people of the parish; excited about everything going on; certainly no lack of activities; interesting to see more exciting times; "no room in the inn"; need appropriate space; want to focus on the youth in the New Year; demographically a young group; very progressive; team efforts; Happy Holidays; Merry Christmas.

**Closing Prayer: Father Pete**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 5, 2017 @ 7p.m. **(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)**

**Prayer:** Jodi George

**Refreshments:** Father Pete