



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Ed Burke, Kevin Catanoso, Jodi George, Marge DeFoney, Linda O'Gorman, Jacquie Olansen, Jared Schiavone, Jason Schiavone, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Father Pete

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Father Pete

Approval of Minutes: Bill Zipparo made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting and Linda O'Gorman seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Parish Mission: The Parish Mission will be held at the Church of the Resurrection April 2 thru 5. Linda O'Gorman stated that a letter of agreement has been signed and details will be set after the Christmas holidays.

Parish "Fun raiser": The "Family Dinner and Show" will take place on February 6, 2016 at Bishop McHugh. Mass will start at 5:30 followed by a dinner of pizza, etc, and then the Magic Show with Chad Juros. We will continue working on the details and arrangements at our January meeting.

Christmas Eve Mass/Pavilion: Father Joe will serve the Mass in the Pavilion at 4:00. Altar boys, decorations and all essentials for the Mass have been put in place. The Masses for Christmas will be at 4:00 at COTR and in the pavilion; 4:00 at St. Casimir; 6:30 at COTR and Midnight Mass at COTR.

Gift cards: The process for using the "Square" for selling the gift cards is moving forward. An Ipad and the "square" have been purchased. The plan is to have all in place in January.

Capital Improvements:

Progress is being made for the possibility of St. Mary's in Woodbine being refurbished to assist with our handling of homeless and needy families. Debbie Bradley is working with Father Pete on this issue for Family Promise.

A discussion regarding placing a steeple on the roof at COTR, having Carillion bells, and the replacement of the chairs in the extension was very productive. Bill Zipparo will research the use of electronic bells; Kevin Catanzaro will research the process of placing such bells in the church; Father Pete and David Wurtz will continue to research the costs of a steeple including the possibility of having one built on site; and the replacing of the chairs will be researched.

Renovations are being made in the Rectory. Windows will be installed in the offices this weekend.

The sound system at St. Casimir will be repaired by Christmas and at COTR after that. A contract has been signed for both areas.

House of Charity: Ed Burke will be joining Mary Ann and Joe Hutter at the Diocese to obtain information regarding the House of Charity drive for 2016.

Thanksgiving baskets: St. Casimir served over 200 families while Church of the Resurrection served 94 families. The donations far exceeded expectations. Trinity Methodist Church, Second Baptist Church, the parishioners of St. Maximilian Kolbe all provided food for the needy. The Postal Service had a food drive for the Church of the Resurrection which far exceeded all previous drives. A special thank you to all who helped in any way.

New Business:

Year of Mercy: The Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015 and continues through November 30, 2016, The Feast of Christ the King. The Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe will be involved in various activities to incorporate the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Included will be a Pilgrimage to Cape May to "Walk through the Holy Doors". Buses will be provided for this day of prayer, confession and communion. The Parish will complete two of the corporal works by clothing the naked and feeding the needy at the Covenant House. The Knights of Columbus will spearhead this section. The spiritual works will be completed through a spiritual journey leading to the Feast Day. Beginning November 20, a section of the "View from the Rectory" will be devoted to the "Mercy Corner".

Youth group: This weekend the "bonfire" will take place for the third year. All are invited to attend.

Feed the Needy: The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Christmas "Feed the Needy" beginning after Mass on December 13 and making the deliveries on Saturday, December 19. Included for the needy families is a full meal for Christmas Day as well as toys for the children. The KofC works with Toys for Tots for the obtaining toys as well as through donations and the Ladies Auxiliary Giving Tree.

Final Thoughts: Like the idea of the steeple and bells; would be nice addition; House of Charity kickoff in January; like the steeple and bells; Year of Mercy and helping the needy; all things going on for Christmas; not much; electrical bells can be done; like idea of steeple and bells, budget and debt payment; like the changes to the church; like the idea of chairs with steeple being the finishing touch; possibility of small pews that are moveable.

Action Items:

Small Christian Communities: Father Pete and Marge DeFoney

Parish Fun Night: Anita McMahon and Jacquie Olansen

Electronic Giving: Marge DeFoney

Steeple: Father Pete and David Wurtz

Electronic Bells: Bill Zipparo

Electrical work: Kevin Catanzaro

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 7, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. in the COTR Extension.

Opening Prayer: Jodi George

Refreshments: Linda O'Gorman

Closing Prayer: Father Pete