



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Brenna Laverty, Gary Mruz, Jacquie Olansen, Shannon O'Reilly, Tim O'Shea, Jose Santiago, Marie Zelinski, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Jacquie Olansen

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Marie Zelinski made a motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting and Jose Santiago seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Capital Campaign for the Parish/Community Center:** To date, over \$835,000 has been collected for the Center with over 175 pledges paid in full. A lengthy discussion followed a presentation by Father Pete showing various concepts for the building. The consensus of the Council is that a revised model with a community room and portable stage would be the most beneficial for the community.
- **Lighting at Resurrection:** The improved lighting for the Church of the Resurrection have been delivered and the walls are being painted as this project continues to move forward. The chairs for the extension have been ordered and progress is being made on the replacement of the compromised windows at the Church of the Resurrection.
- **Matthew Kelly:** All the pastors of Cape May County gave their unanimous consent to submit the application to Dynamic Catholic requesting Matthew Kelly present to our communities. Thus, the application has been submitted and received by Dynamic Catholic.

New Business:

- **Feast Day:** On August 14, we will again be celebrating our feast day at the beach in Strathmere. It was suggested that we extend the celebration by having some form of entertainment the day/evening before.
- **Raffle:** Of the 500 packets available, 61 were taken by members of CCD families. Memorial Day weekend, the packets will be made available at the Church of the Resurrection and the following week at Saint Casimir and Bishop McHugh. Since the number of packets are limited this year all were encouraged to buy their tickets early.
- **Fishing Trip:** Since the fishing trip last year was such a success, it was suggested that we attempt to have another one this year.
- **Vacation Bible School (VBS):** The dates are July 16 – 20 for VBS. Anyone interested in assisting should contact Agnes Bross.

- **Volunteer Appreciation:** In the Autumn of 2018 it is hoped that the Parish will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation gathering at a location yet to be determined. It will consist of a two-hour “open house” at a place to be determined.

Information:

- **Feast Day – August 14**
- **Summer Schedule – May 26/27**
St. Casimir 6 p.m. Saturday; 8:30 a.m. Sunday; Spanish Mass 10:30 Sunday
Bishop McHugh 5 p.m. Saturday; 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Final Thoughts: Good meeting; interesting thoughts; like idea of a 2-day feast day; excited for final building decision; concern as to Father Pete’s term at St. Maximilian; doing good job; thank you for a beautiful First Communion; very impressed; good discussion about building and feast day; excited for all things; hope I can be here for Matthew Kelly; extremely progressive parish; activities, events.

Action Items

- *Capital Campaign:* All
- *Feast Day:* All
- *Raffle:* All

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 14, 2018 @ 7p.m. in the Extension

Prayer: Brenna Laverty

Refreshments: Shannon O’Reilly

Final Prayer: Father Pete