



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 24, 2017

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Jodi George, Anita McMahon, Gary Mruz, Jacquie Olansen, Linda O’Gorman, Jose Santiago, John Wasilewski, Marie Zelinski, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Father Pete

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Presentation:

Jack Griffin: Cushions on Pews. Jack provided very detailed information regarding the addition of pew cushions and updating the kneelers for both the Church of the Resurrection and St. Casimir. He explained the various methods of adding cushions and the different types of foam and coverings. Although his company would not be doing the actual installation, he provided the council with various costs that would be incurred. Jack stated that the work could begin on a Monday and finished before Masses on Sunday. At present, the lead time is three to six weeks.

Following Jack’s presentation there was considerable discussion regarding the need for the pews, costs incurred, other capital improvements. Gary Mruz made a motion to go forward with the purchase of the cushions and kneelers at both churches and Marie Zelinski seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. A committee of Father Pete, Jodi George, Gary Mruz and Bill Zipparo will decide on materials, colors, etc.

Approval of Minutes: Anita McMahon made a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting and Linda O’Gorman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Capital Campaign for the Parish Center:** The campaign is doing very well. The total pledges to date are \$1,075,000 from 109 supporters. The gift average is

approximately \$10,000. There are 2500 families registered in the Parish, with 800 active families. The company helping with the campaign is anticipating that the goal will be attained.

- **Parish Mission:** The Parish Mission was well received. A sincere thanks to Donna Britt and Kande Lipke for organizing and leading the mission.
- **Parish Feast and 50/50 Raffle:** The Feast Day was described as “fabulous”, with the homily very emotional. The one concern stated was the moving of the food off the beach after the feast. The carts were not available so everything had to be walked over the dune. Now the question is: What will we do next year??
- **Bishop McHugh signage:** Anita McMahon has sent a picture of the signage at St. Casimir to Eastern Sign Company. She will follow up with them for signage at COTR.
- **On-line Giving:** Twenty-one persons have registered to use on-line giving. It was stated that it is an easy way to give to the collection even when on vacation. The question was raised regarding second collections and if one could do so retroactively. These questions will be posed to Barbara Herr.
- **St. Casimir Feast Day:** March 4, 2018 is the Feast Day of St. Casimir for which a celebration will be planned.
- **Movie Night:** Jodi George is researching more possibilities for a “movie under the stars”. It was suggested that we check out www.ChristianCinema.com for ideas of movies to be shown.
- **Parish Retreat:** Anita McMahon is continuing to research the possibility of having Matthew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic do a retreat during Lent. Father Pete will review the information sent to him and advise Anita of what direction to take.
- **Parish “Fun” raiser:** The fishing trip was a huge success. The response could have filled two boats. Although no “keepers” were caught, everyone enjoyed a fun night. Jodi George and Jacquie Olansen will research the possibility of an adult night cruise.
- **Hispanic Ministry:** Bishop Sullivan will be traveling to various Spanish-speaking areas in hopes of obtaining priests for the Spanish community at St. Casimir. Deacon Arnoldo has been a wonderful help as has Father Blier. Father Blier will be visiting the sick people from St. Casimir church. On September 24, he will be saying Mass in both Spanish and English.

New Business:

- **End of Three-Year Term:** Both Anita McMahon and Linda O’Gorman have served for three years on the Parish Council. A sincere thank you to each of them. They both contributed greatly and have been extremely helpful.

- **Parish 50/50:** Jacquie Olansen presented the idea of changing the cost of the raffle ticket. Since the greatest majority purchase a full packet at \$120 or at least a full book at \$20, it was suggested to sell tickets at \$20 each with a book being \$120 for six tickets. The cost of printing, time for Barbara to enter each individual ticket, the assembling of the tickets and then the taking apart the books were the reasons for suggesting less tickets at a higher cost. It was recommended that we talk to parishioners and continue to revisit this at future meetings. Also discussed was the possibility of reducing costs by reducing food and having people bring their own. For example, provide hot dogs, burgers, and sausage, but let people bring chips or whatever for their sides. It was stated that although \$84,000 was raised for the raffle, after expenses the parish received only \$28,000.

Final Thoughts: Thank you, going to miss it, good meeting, so much going on, thank you for the FORMED app, enjoyed it, thank you, nice meeting, liked the beach and Joe Mitchell did a great job, missed seeing the airplane and the sign, loved the water being blessed, echo what everyone said, thanks to Linda and Anita.

Action Items:

- **Parish "Fun" Raiser:** Jodi George and Jacquie Olansen – Adult night cruise
- **Cushions on Pews:** Father Pete, Jodi George, Gary Mruz, Bill Zipparo
- **Capital Campaign:** All
- **50/50 Raffle:** All
- **Parish Retreat:** Anita McMahan
- **Hispanic Representation:** Jose Santiago
- **On line giving:** Jacquie Olansen
- **Bishop McHugh:** Anita McMahan and Father Pete

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2017 @ 7p.m. **in the Extension. OPEN MEETING and Discernment**

Prayer: Gary Mruz

Refreshments: Jacquie Olansen

Final Prayer: Father Pete