



**Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Open/Discernment Meeting
Thursday, September 14, 2017**

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, George Dudzek, Jodi George, Gary Mruz, Jacquie Olansen, Jose Santiago, John Wasilewski, Marie Zelinski, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Gary Mruz

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: George Dudzek made a motion to accept the minutes of the August meeting and Jodi George seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Capital Campaign for the Parish Center:** Father Pete will talk about the campaign at all Masses the weekend of September 16/17 requesting a pledge of \$3000 per family over the three-year period. Pledge cards will be available in the pews at the Masses. At least 2000 mailings will also be sent to parishioners explaining the Capital campaign. The conclusion of the Capital Campaign is December 1, 2017.
- **Bishop McHugh signage:** Anita McMahon stated that the estimated cost for the signage at both churches will be approximately \$3000. Father Pete will verify the amount and finalize the transaction if the cost remains at \$3000 or less.
- **St. Casimir Feast Day:** March 4, 2018 is the Feast Day of St. Casimir for which a celebration will be planned.
- **Movie Night:** Although we are approaching fall, the thought of a “movie under the stars” was discussed. One suggestion was “Cheaper by the Dozen”, a family appropriate movie.
- **Parish Retreat:** Father Pete has received several suggestions for a retreat during the Lenten season. More information will be forthcoming.
- **Parish “Fun” raiser:** Both Jodi George and Jacquie Olansen have done some research for an adult night cruise. Still being considered are a “trivia night” and something like the “magician night” that was held at Bishop McHugh. Whatever the event, it is to bring the parish together as a community having a “good time”.
- **Hispanic Ministry:** Father Blier, at 83 years of age, is traveling to see the Spanish speaking parishioners. Deacon Santos has been contacting the Hispanic community.
- **Cushions on Pews:** Jacquie Olansen stated that there was concern among parishioners regarding cushions on the pews; mainly, the cleanliness of such. Gary Mruz stated that he had heard only positive comments. There was discussion about doing the chairs at the same time as the pews and it was decided to do them as a phase 2. Also, Father Pete stated that he was advised of the need to

clean the pews prior to placing cushions on them. He will consider professional cleaners to do such.

New Business:

- **RFP architect:** There has been preliminary work completed for identifying the architect who will design the new parish/community center.
- **Catechetical Sunday:** Sunday, September 17, the Catechists, present and past, will be acknowledged by Father Pete during the 9:30 Mass. These men and women are the life-line to our youth for a deeper understanding of their Catholic faith. The Catechists will host Hospitality Sunday in the Pavilion after all morning Masses on September 17.
- **Bishop McHugh:** Every 4th Sunday of the month will be Bishop McHugh Sunday at the 9:30 Mass. Students will be asked to dress in their uniforms as they participate as Lectors, ushers and in the choir.
- **Blessing of the animals:** The Blessing of the Animals will take place in the Pavilion on Saturday, September 30 at 9:00.
- **Anointing Mass:** On Sunday, October 22, at 2:00p.m. will be the celebration of the Anointing Mass.
- **All Souls Mass:** The All Souls Mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Resurrection on Thursday, November 2, at 7:00p.m.
- **Thanksgiving Baskets:** On Monday, November 20, the Thanksgiving baskets will be assembled and given out to the needy.

Pastoral Council Membership/Discernment: Following the regular meeting, those who wished to be considered for membership on the Council were asked to remain. After completing a brief application form, those individuals answered questions posed by present members. Once sufficient information was gathered from them, the candidates left and the Council began discernment. There was much discussion about the configuration of the Council. A motion was made by Jacquie Olansen to have a nine (9) member council, three (3) on/ three (3) off each year; in addition, the Pastor would appoint one voting (1) member of the Spanish Community and two voting (2) students. George Dudzek seconded the motion and after a Roll Call vote, it passed unanimously.

Final Thoughts: Very productive meeting, glad we are enhancing the Spanish community, worker bees, good discussions, pleased with all the new members joining the Council.

Action Items:

- **Parish "Fun" Raiser:** Jodi George and Jacquie Olansen – Adult night cruise; All
- **Cushions on Pews:** Father Pete, Jodi George, Gary Mruz, Bill Zipparo
- **Capital Campaign:** All
- **Parish Retreat:** Father Pete
- **Hispanic Representation:** Jose Santiago
- **Bishop McHugh Signage:** Father Pete
- **Cleaning of Pews:** Father Pete

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2017 @ 7p.m. in the Extension

Prayer: Jacquie Olansen

Refreshments: Jodi George

Final Prayer: Father Pete