



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 8, 2016

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Ed Burke, Jodi George, Gary Mruz, Linda O’Gorman, Anita McMahon, Jared Schiavonne, Jason Schiavonne, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Anita McMahon

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

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

Presentation: Mrs. Agnes Bross, Director of our Parish Religious Education Program shared with the Parish Council the numerous activities, service projects, social events and current religious education program offered within our Parish. Mrs. Bross’s presentation was well accepted by the Council. We currently have just under 300 students enrolled for Religious Education and Mrs. Bross expects that number to grow with last minute enrollments. This Saturday September 10th from 9:30 to 11:30am the Parish will be holding a feed the Needy event and all parish members were invited to participate. This will result in approximately 10,000 meals.

Old Business:

- **Steeple** Father Peter Joyce provided an update on the Steeple project. The preparation of the roof is expected to be complete by the end of September with an approximate Steeple delivery date of October 13th.
- **St. Maximilian statue**, Father Peter Joyce has provided Action Supply with a brief bio and plaque description. He is awaiting a proof.
- **Feasibility Update** Currently five RFP’s have been received. Father Peter Joyce, Ed Burke and Bill Zapparo have reviewed the RFP’s and are scheduling interviews in approximately two weeks. They hope to have a contract in place sometime in October.

Action Items:

- **Ending Year of Mercy Ideas** November 13th-27th.
- **Covenant House** Anita McMahon provided an email with two ideas. One is the Covenant house, either a youth or family sleep out at our parish or the opportunity to help serve or donate at the Covenant House during Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday November 22nd. Anita McMahon will look into further details, i.e. limited #, ages and Father Peter Joyce may consider offering a bus as transportation.
- **Speaker / Book Club** The second idea was to book speaker, Matthew Kelly. Unfortunately, he is booked until 2018. Father Peter Joyce requested that Anita McMahon look into the possibility of someone else from Dynamic Catholic coming to speak. They also offer a book club “Beautiful Mercy”. Father Peter Joyce will share this information with our Parish Book Club as a possible future club read.

- **Retreat** Jackie Olansen shared that she has received requests for a daytime Retreat in November for our elder parishioners. A daytime retreat or event that would be offered during the daytime hours to eliminate the need for traveling at night.
- **Annual "Fun"raiser** To be held sometime in January or February. Father Peter Joyce indicated that this is just a fun get together similar to last year's magic show and pizza held at Bishop McHugh. Anita McMahan will check on availability of the Parish utilizing Bishop McHugh. Several ideas were brought up such as a casino night, Superbowl party, trivia night, parish dance or a dinner mystery. Council narrowed ideas down to a Parish dance and or a dinner mystery which Agnes Bross will look into. Concern was brought up about including children and what activities could be available to include them.

New Business:

- **Office of Evangelization** Father Peter Joyce presented a request to schedule a presentation by the Office of Evangelization featuring "Best Practices for a Parish". The presentation will run approximately 45 minutes and was unanimously accepted by parish council. Father Peter Joyce will schedule.
- **Parish Accounting** Father Peter Joyce reported that the Fiscal accounting will be finalized sometime within the first two weeks of October and then presented at our next Parish Council meeting for open discussion on October 13th
- **Parish Classroom Tables** Gary Mruz presented a concern regarding the condition and weight of the older folding tables after having to help move them during our recent Parish picnic. His concern was well received and Father Peter Joyce agreed to look into replacing the tables in the near future.

Parishioners Forum: *No participants*

Discernment of new members and Conclusion:

- After review of the candidates and a discussion, Bill Zipparo presented a motion to approve the three candidates for Parish Council. They are Jacquie Olansen, Marie Zelinski and George Dudzek to serve a 3 year term on Parish Council. Gary Mruz seconded the motion and all Council members unanimously approved. Father Peter Joyce will contact them individually.

Final Thoughts: Very enthusiastic about "Fun" night. It was noted that Bill was the temporary meeting facilitator and that a reorganization will take place at our next Parish Council meeting, after the new council members are chosen.

Father Peter Joyce led council in the closing prayer.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday October 13, 2016 at 7pm

Prayer:

Refreshments:

Closing Prayer: