



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 20, 2015

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Marge DeFoney, Peg Kroeger, Anita McMahon, Jacquie Olansen, Annette Sherby, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Jacquie Olansen

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Peg Kroeger made a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting and Marge DeFoney seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Old Business:

33 Days to Glory and Marian Consecration: Approximately one hundred ninety (190) parishioners signed up for the "33 Days of Glory Retreat," which began on Monday, July 13 and concluded during the Parish Feast Day, August 14. Approximately 125 (125) made the Marian consecration. There was lengthy discussion about the program, its spirituality and how so many people were brought together during the weekly sessions. One suggestion was that more time for the small group discussions would have been beneficial.

50/50 Raffle: Raffle sales were approximately \$90,000 with five winners taking home \$9,000 before taxes. Suggestions were made to possibly have ten winners now that the sales have increased. Also, the possibility of handing out the packets to CCD families earlier, rather than on the last day of classes.

Feast Day: "Wonderful, wonderful" -- These were the words used to describe the annual Feast Day. The entire setup created more intermingling of the parishioners. Food service was excellent with all being served quickly. The negative comments were that the bouncy house and children in the "pit" did not encourage many to enter there. Also, the photo booth was not used as much as anticipated which could have resulted from its placement and not many took advantage of watching the movie.

Youth Representative: Father Pete stated that there will be at least one, probably two, youth representatives beginning in September.

New Business:

Parish Council Transition: Three of our Council Members (Peg Kroeger, Craig Jurasinski, and Bill Zipparo) will transition off the Council. This will finalize the process of three members off and three new members joining the Council. It should be noted that any member who transitions off has the ability to re-apply for membership as well as any other Parishioner. At the open meeting in September, those wishing to be an active participant of the Council will be "discerned" by the existing Pastoral Council members.

Capital Improvements: At present, the main areas to be improved are the roof on St. Joe's and the air conditioning at COTR. Money has been budgeted for these projects. There was discussion regarding air

conditioning for the classrooms, especially the one directly across from the double classroom. This may be the result of the ductwork. Father Pete will ask David to check that out. The light by the monument near the entrance to the parking lot at COTR will be repaired soon.

Papal Bus Trip: There were only five (5) responses to the request for a bus to see the Pope. Not enough money was obtained to place a down payment on the bus. Should other options be made available, Father Pete will let parishioners know about them. One suggestion was to watch the Pope on TV in the pavilion.

Gift cards: Possible use of credit cards will be delayed until after October 1 as the credit cards will now have chips. More information will be gathered regarding this.

Parish Appreciation Day: The Parish Appreciation Day will be held on October 4, 2015 at "L's" from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. It will be an Open House for the 400 Parish volunteers and their spouses. (It was noted that the Eagles game will be on the TV's at L's that day.)

Fun Night: There was much discussion regarding the possibility of a "Fun Night" for parishioners. It would not have any religious or fund-raising implications -- strictly fun. Some ideas were a "booze cruise", party on the ferry, band in the pavilion, a "theater group", and a comedian. Council members were asked to get ideas and email them to each other.

Final Thoughts: Wonderful experience; miss those leaving the council; it's been fun; an interesting journey; thank you to Bill, Peg and Craig; a real learning experience; wonderful to see all that we've done

Action Items:

Casino companies: Craig Jurasinski

Youth Representative: Father Pete

Parish Mission: Father Pete and Linda O'Gorman

Fun Night: All

Duct Work for AC in classrooms: Father Pete

Gift Cards: Jacquie Olansen

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 10, 2015 @ 7:00p.m. in Church Extension (Note that this is an Open Meeting)

Opening Prayer: Annette Sherby

Refreshments: Father Pete

Closing Prayer: Father Pete