



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Marge DeFoney, Anita McMahon, Linda O'Gorman, Jacquie Olansen, Annette Sherby, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: All

Pastoral Council Leader: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Annette Sherby made a motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting and Linda O'Gorman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Fundraising: The Parish Council continued discussion for a Casino Night in the hopes of providing the parish with another evening to come together and secondarily to generate additional funds. We are anticipating attending the Casino Night sponsored by Bishop McHugh so that we may observe how these events are run. Father Pete talked with Mr. Tom McGuire, the Principal of Bishop McHugh Regional School, who has indicated that we would be able to use the school for this event. However, due to time constraints, a discussion followed about tabling the event until a future date when we would be better prepared. A concern was raised about the number and availability of volunteers to guide us through this event. In the meantime, Debbie Laricks, the lead person for the Bishop McHugh Casino Night, has agreed to speak with us at our meeting in March.

Gift Cards: Jacquie Olansen stated that the use of the "square" will be delayed until sometime after Easter as there are many other activities that need to be addressed at this time, such as the House of Charity Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Parish Mission: Through the joint effort of Father Pete, Anita McMahon, and the Liturgy Committee, a Parish Mission has been scheduled, beginning the 2nd Sunday after Easter for three nights. Father Bill Garrott, OP, will lead this mission and will speak about it at all Masses on April 11 and 12. The Mission will begin at 6:45p.m. on Sunday, April 12. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Youth Representative: No one has been chosen.

Small Christian Communities: Through the efforts of many individuals, *particularly of those in the Liturgy Committee, a parish spiritual, scriptural, devotional retreat will begin at our parish,* beginning five weeks prior to August 14th. The small group "retreat" will culminate in those attending consecrating themselves to the Blessed Mother on our Parish Feast Day.

Pope coming to Philadelphia: There has been no further information regarding specific activities for the Pope's arrival in Philadelphia.

CCD classes: The ski trip to Jack Frost was very successful with all having a great time. The 6th grade class visited the residents of Ocean View Nursing Home for Valentine's Day and all enjoyed their experience. The presentation by Frank Runyon, particularly for the Confirmandi, was well received by all.

Bishop McHugh School: Father Pete reported that through diocesan assistance, Bishop McHugh Regional School will remain open. He noted that enrollment is increasing.

Confirmation: No date has been set for Confirmation. Father Pete will advise everyone as soon as it is determined.

Lenten Program: The possibility of Sunrise Service on Easter, changing of venue due to construction at the bridge, and other thoughts for Lent were discussed. The Liturgy Committee is discussing these issues as well.

Parish Pilgrimage: During the September/October months there are plans for a pilgrimage to take place at the Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe. Details will be more available as the Liturgy Committee continues its work on this project.

New Business:

FaithFull: Jacquie Olansen handed out fliers from the Diocese of Camden for the food drive for March 1, 2015. The goal is to have 100,000 pounds of food donated which will be shared throughout the Diocese. Since The Church of the Resurrection has its own Food Pantry stocked solely by donations, the Diocese has agreed to allow any food donated to us to remain at our Church. Bags will be available in the Gathering area the week of February 21/22 for collection on February 28 and March 1. The CCD classes are participating in this drive and a call was made to Bishop McHugh requesting their assistance. The food that is collected will be weighed and a total provided to the Diocese to include in their goal.

Open Meeting: The April meeting will be an open meeting. At such time, it is hoped that a sub-committee for Social Events for the Parish will be formed. The Council would like to bring more parishioners into the workings of the Parish and activities to bring all into one community.

Parish Appreciation Night: Father Pete would like to bring all adult volunteers together in the spring for an appreciation night. The early plans are to meet for a prayer service, perhaps saying

the Rosary, and a social with food and beverages to follow. Specific details need to be determined.

Final Thoughts: Will help any way I can; another great meeting; excited about the Mission; so many affirmations about how the Holy Spirit is there for us; thank you for not taking the strawberries home.

Action Items:

Small Christian Communities: Father Pete and Marge DeFoney

Casino Party Night Fund Raising: All

Casino companies: Craig Jurasinski

Contact with Bishop McHugh leadership: Anita McMahon

Gift Cards: Jacquie Olansen

Parish Mission: Father Pete, Marge DeFoney, Anita McMahon

Youth Representative: Father Pete

FaithFull: Jacquie Olansen

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015 @ 7:00 in the Rectory

Opening Prayer: Annette Sherby

Refreshments: Linda O'Gorman

Final Prayer: Father Pete