



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2015

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

Opening Prayer: Anita McMahon

Pastoral Council Leader: Bill Zipparo

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

Old Business:

Parish Pavilion: A natural gas line will be run to provide gas to two large heaters for the pavilion. This should be accomplished in approximately six weeks. At that time, Parish social events, e.g. 1st Sunday coffee, will begin again.

Fundraising: The Parish Council will be spearheading a Casino Night. Anita McMahon will put us in contact with the lead from Bishop McHugh to assist our planning and Craig Jurasinski will contact the companies that do the actual setup for the casino night. Bishop McHugh is holding their Casino Night on Feb. 21 and it was suggested that we attend to get a good feel for how these events are run. Father Pete talked with Tom McGuire, the Principal, and we will be able to use the Bishop McHugh school. However, he needs to reconfirm as we decided to push the date back from early April until June 6.

Gift Cards: Jacquie stated that we have not yet secured the use of the "square" due to conflicts in schedules with Father Pete. However, it was noted that there is over \$20,000 in the bank and \$14,000 in inventory as of today. Discussion followed about how to get more people to use the gift card program. This apparently is a problem at other areas using the gift cards as fundraising.

Parish Mission: Anita McMahon provided us with a handout -- Lifelong Faith Formation Speakers' List. Both Anita and Marge DeFoney feel the need for a priest to preside. The Liturgy committee is also involved in securing information. They have been in touch with MaryTowne.

Annual Bonfire: Peg Kroger reported that the bonfire on 12/14/14 did not have as good a turnout as the previous year; however, it was well organized and all had fun. The Mass prior to the bonfire acknowledged the students preparing for confirmation this year and their commitment to such.

Both Agnes Bross and Diane Peck were acknowledged for the tremendous work they are doing with our youth. Students have gathered to see such movies as "Bella" and "God is not Dead". On February 8, Frank Runyan will

be at the Church of the Resurrection to do a play about the Beatitudes. On January 24, there is a bus trip to Jack Frost for skiing. So, there are many activities for our young people thanks to the two women mentioned above.

Youth Representative: No one has been chosen.

Pope coming to Philadelphia: Although we would all like front row seats, the only information we had was the request in the Star Herald for people wishing to open their homes to others coming from long distances.

Granite Sign: It was determined that an electric wire was cut while the parking lot was being redone. Therefore, a trench needs to be dug and a new line run for the light to work on the granite sign.

New Business:

Confirmation: There was discussion as to the date for confirmation and the fact that the 8th grade students won't be returning to CCD in the fall should that be the time slotted for confirmation. As soon as Father Pete is advised of the date, he will provide all with that information.

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.

Final Thoughts: Anything I can do, I will; good meeting, quick; Father Pete stole my thoughts.

Action Items:

Small Christian Communities: Father Pete and Marge DeFoney

Casino Party Night Fund Raising: All

School availability: Father Pete

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

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

Opening Prayer: Peg Kroger

Refreshments: Bill Zipparo

Final Prayer: Father Pete