



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Deacon Arnaldo Santos, Carol Ann Allen, Craig Jurasinski, Leah Kornberg, Peg Kroger, Jacquie Olansen, Ellen Pfeifle, Annette Sherby, Kevin Smyth, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Annette Sherby

Pastoral Council Leader: Bill Zipparo

Presentation by Deacon Arnaldo Santos:

Deacon Santos, Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry, provided the Council with his in depth journey from Puerto Rico to his present assignment at the Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe and Millville. Married with three children, Deacon Santos' journey included being a police officer and DARE instructor. Being a deacon for three years, he has worked with youth ministry, has curriculum in English and Spanish, and has provided GAP (Group Awareness Program) counseling. Deacon Santos was welcomed to the Parish Council as a member.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Peg Kroger to approve the minutes. Craig Jurasinski seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Parish Center/Pavilion: Father Pete met with various members to discuss erecting a pavilion. However, they decided that the cost and time to do such would not suffice. Therefore, bids have been placed to erect a 30' X 70" building which will accommodate approximately 150 people. Father Pete will meet with the Upper Township board on July 17 for final approval. The pavilion will be constructed so that it can be moved when the Parish Center is constructed. September is the target for the first coffee and donuts after Mass with the Parish Council members being the host.

Capital Improvements:

Carpeting at St. Casimir: Bill Kroger has the carpet samples for Father Pete. September is the target date for installation.

Basketball Hoops: Both hoops are in place at edge of parking lot.

Flag Poles: Jacob Williams should complete the work for the flag poles by the end of July.

Gathering area: The improvements to this area should be completed in September.

Gift cards/Fund raising: Jacquie explained that the use of credit cards for purchasing gift cards is moving ahead. The two phones have been ordered. Once in place, the Square will be activated. Volunteers then need to be trained for using the equipment. All should be ready for use by mid September.

House of Charity: The Parish is now at 91%. It is hoped that we meet our commitment soon, but we have until next year to complete the donations.

Parish Feast/Raffle: All aspects for the Feast Day, Thursday, August 14, are well underway. Father asked if anyone had access to a 30' x 40' stage platform for the band for the Feast Day. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00p.m.

Vacation Bible School: Approximately 50 children have enrolled for the Bible School which runs from July 21 through July 25.

New Business:

Parish Council Transition: As the year comes to a close, it is necessary to vacate three positions and install three new members to the council. Our two student members are leaving as they have graduated from high school. Thus, one of the other member positions must be vacated. If there is not a member who does not wish to remain in place, "straws" will be drawn at the August meeting to decide who leaves. Father Pete will replace one of the students and the other two members will be chosen through a discernment process and be in place for the September meeting.

Ellen and Leah: As both Ellen and Leah have graduated, the Council thanked them for their service and presented them with a token of our appreciation. Both young ladies were active members contributing many great suggestions/ideas. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

Final thoughts: Thank you, good meeting, welcome Deacon Santos, another good meeting, Thanks, looking forward to all the new changes, good luck, great being a part of the Parish Council.

Action Items:

Father Pete and Marge DeFoney - Small Christian communities

All - Parish Feast Day

Jacquie - Credit card for gift cards

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 (Note the change as the Feast Day is August 14.)

Prayer: Jacquie Olansen

Refreshments: Peg Kroger

Closing Prayer: Deacon Santos