



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, George Dudzek, Jodi George, Anita McMahon, Jacquie Olansen, Linda O’Gorman, Marie Zelinski, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Father Pete

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Jodi George made a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting and George Dudzek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations:

John Wasilewski: John Wasilewski (pronounced Vasilewski) was welcomed into the parish family. John will be at the Church of the Resurrection for six months as he discerns his return to the priesthood.

Tom Maguire: As principal of Bishop McHugh Regional School, Tom addressed ways to enhance the partnership between the Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the school. He described the STREAM program (Science, Technology, Religion, English, Arts and Mathematics) and the possibility of using parishioners to assist with some of these programs. During the summer, the STREAM camp will provide a horticulture experience through the growing of a garden and robotics using arts and nature. The camp will run mornings on July 24, 25, 26 and July 31, August 1 and 2. Mr. Maguire stated how appreciative he is that Bishop McHugh is included on the cover the St. Maximilian bulletin. Using social media collaboration, he believes that we can further enhance our partnership. Tom also stated that the school’s facilities are available for functions. Father Pete suggested that the students wear their uniforms to Mass to be more easily recognized by the parishioners. Also, the third Sunday of each month will be Bishop McHugh Sunday.

Old Business:

- ***Sacristy carpeting at COTR:*** The sacristy carpeting has been completed.
- ***Cushions on Pews:*** Neither Gary Mruz or Jack Griffin were able to attend this meeting; thus, there is no additional information.
- ***Defibrillator:*** The defibrillator training took place on Tuesday evening and another will be available on Saturday morning.
- ***Capital Campaign for the Parish Center:*** The Parish is doing well. To date, there are \$350K in pledges. The goal is \$800K before August 12/13. There will be three additional receptions this month—July 20, July 23, and July 25. It is hopeful that we will have the pledges for \$1.7million by Thanksgiving.
- ***Parish “Fun” raiser:*** Jodi George presented information regarding a fishing trip from Ocean City. The fishing trip will be three hours in the bay with Altar servers going free. For 30 people, the cost is \$2000 plus a 20% fee; between 30 – 55 people the cost is \$2500 plus the 20% fee. Father will present it as “I’m going fishing and I’d like some of you to join me”. Thursday, August 17, is the anticipated date. Jodi will also research the possibility of having someone come to us to do a “Trivia Night.” In that way, all the questions, group prizes, etc. will be complete.
- ***Parish Mission:*** The Parish Mission began on Monday evening with 130 participants. Those attending stated it is very thought provoking. The mission will continue for four weeks ending with the week prior to the Feast Day.
- ***Parish Feast and 50/50 Raffle:*** The Feast Day will be celebrated on August 14 on the Williams Street beach in Strathmere. Packets for the 50/50 raffle have been distributed with the goal again this year at \$100,000.
- ***Bishop McHugh signage:*** The sign for Bishop McHugh Regional School will be added below the Parish sign by the flag poles. It was suggested that one be placed at St. Casimir church.
- ***Church Sound System:*** A completely new sound system will be installed in the COTR within the next two weeks. A donor has graciously offered to pay for the entire project.
- ***On-line Giving:*** The staff is currently working with this program to provide the services to the parishioners if they prefer to give on line rather than through envelopes or the collection baskets. Father Pete asked council members to try it so that he might receive feedback as to the pros and cons.
- ***St. Casimir Feast Day:*** March 4, 2018 is the Feast Day of St. Casimir. Father John will be a lead at the Mass. It is hoped that the energy of St. Casimir will be revived.

- **VBS – Movie Night:** Although it was not possible to get a Movie Night during VBS, Jodi George is researching more possibilities for a “movie under the stars”. It was suggested that we check out www.ChristianCinema.com for ideas of movies to be shown.
- **Parish Retreat:** Anita McMahon is continuing to research the possibility of having Matthew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic do a retreat during Lent.

New Business:

- **Jose Santiago – Hispanic Apostolate:** Jose came to the Council requesting assistance for the Hispanic population. At present, there is no Spanish speaking priest making it difficult to continue the Spanish Masses. There has been constant turnover of the Hispanic priests and deacons making continuity difficult. Father Pete has offered his assistance in whatever ways he is able including the changing of Mass schedules to accommodate the Hispanic population. Jose will attend the Council meetings as often as possible and will try to bring an additional Hispanic representative.

Final Thoughts: Very nice to meet both John and Jose; so much going on; happy to see Jose representing the Hispanic population; we are trail blazing; setting precedents; very informative meeting; so much within the Parish; good meeting.

Action Items:

- **Parish “Fun” Raiser:** Jodi George – Fishing; Jacquie Olansen – Philly dinner cruise; Agnes – NYC trip;
- **Cushions on Pews:** Gary Mruz/Jack Griffin
- **Capital Campaign:** All
- **Parish Feast Day; 50/50 Raffle:** All
- **Parish Retreat:** Anita McMahon
- **Hispanic Representation:** Jose Santiago
- **On line giving:** All
- **Bishop McHugh:** Anita McMahon and Father Pete

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 24, 2017 @ 7p.m. **in the Extension.**

Prayer: Jacquie Olansen

Refreshments: Marie Zelinski

Final Prayer: Father Pete