



## **Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe**

### **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 14, 2017

**Members in Attendance:** Father Peter Joyce, George Dudzek, Jodi George, Anita McMahon, Gary Mruz, Jacquie Olansen, Linda O’Gorman

**Opening Prayer:** Father Pete

**Pastoral Council Facilitator:** Father Pete

**Approval of Minutes:** Gary Mruz made a motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting and Jodi George seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

- ***Sacristy carpeting at COTR:*** The sacristy carpeting has not been completed.
- ***Cushions on Pews:*** The cushions will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- ***Defibrillator:*** The defibrillator’s battery recharged. Michelle Sampson will offer training for all EMs, Lectors, ushers and interested parishioners. This will only be a training and no one will be certified.
- ***Capital Campaign for the Parish Center:*** Through September, the campaign is in the “quiet phase.” During this period, Father Pete will continue doing private solicitations as well as group receptions. Father stated that people’s responses have been encouraging and it has been a good experience meeting with parishioners one on one. During the receptions, some clarifications were made educating and informing participants. Hopefully in August Father will be able to provide more details – give a clearer picture of where all stands.
- ***Parish “Fun” raiser:*** Jodi George presented information regarding a fishing trip from either Ocean City or Sea Isle City. She will obtain more specific details for prices, times, number able to board the boat, etc. and email Father Pete. He will then make the information available to parishioners for registering. By

consensus, the Parish Council agreed that the Parish would fund any of the altar servers who wish to participate. Also, Father Pete distributed forms for Faith Day at Citi Field with the NY Mets vs. the LA Dodgers on Saturday, August 5. The cost of \$81 includes the game, transportation and light snacks on the bus. A short service and faith sharing will follow the game.

- **Parish Mission:** Donna Britt has been coordinating with Father Pete this mission which will help participants discern the movement of God in our lives. The five sessions, beginning July 10 and leading up to the Feast Day, will include use of FORMED.
- **FORMED:** Anita McMahan asked Father Pete if the App for FORMED was available. To date, he has not heard but will check into that.
- **Father Pete's 25<sup>th</sup>:** On May 21, the parish came together to celebrate Father Pete's 25<sup>th</sup> year as a priest. Approximately 550 – 600 people attended the festivities beginning with Mass at 11:00. Father Pete wishes to extend his gratitude to all those who made this such a memorable event. Father was very impressed as how the parish came together as a community.
- **Father Peterson:** On June 11, Father Peterson celebrated 50 years as a priest. Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, there was a reception in the pavilion that was well attended and very joyous.
- **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 will be distributed beginning after the Masses on June 16 & 17. The goal again this year is \$100,000.
- **Bishop McHugh signage:** Anita McMahan and Father Pete are working on the signage for Bishop McHugh Regional School. Placing such by the flag poles was suggested so that it would be visible to all.
- **Church Sound System:** A completely new sound system will be installed in the COTR using digital programming, etc. All new speakers will provide ease in hearing all parts of the Mass and music. A donor has graciously offered to pay for the entire project.

**New Business:**

- **Kevin Catanoso; Jared Schiavone; Jason Schiavone:** Although these three young men were unable to attend our meeting as they were attending their graduation ceremony in Ocean City, the Parish Council would like to extend our sincere gratitude for all your service while on the council. We are all grateful for your input, suggestions, and ideas. We wish you congratulations on your commencement and success in your future endeavors.
- **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.
- **Staffing – Hispanic Representation:** Father Idler has been reassigned to a new parish. He suggested that at least one member of the Parish Council should be from the Hispanic community. Father Pete will talk with them for representation.
- **St. Casimir Feast Day:** March 4, 2018 is the Feast Day of St. Casimir. Father Pete suggested that something be done to celebrate this occasion. Also, the need to have more input from all parishioners was discussed.
- **VBS – Movie Night:** One night during the week of Vacation Bible School, it was suggested that there be a movie night. A large screen would be set up outside with people bringing lawn chairs for seating. Father Pete asked for suggestions for movies that would entertain both children and adults. This would be a “movie under the stars”.
- **Deacon Arnaldo – Book signing:** June 26 at 6:30, Deacon Arnaldo will be speaking about his life experiences and his book, *Street Gangs and God, the Battle in the Streets*. Following his presentation, there will be book signing and hospitality.
- **Parish Retreat:** Anita McMahon has researched the possibility of having Matthew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic do a retreat for not only the Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe but all of Cape May County. She will continue to obtain additional information so a decision can be made if this is feasible.
- **Communication:** Anita asked that the communication between Bishop McHugh and the Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe continue to be enhanced. It was restated that Tom McGuire be invited to our meeting.

## Final Thoughts:

Lots on the agenda; so much going on; need to get lots of input from all the council members; Linda O’Gorman has been hired as part of the office staff; so much accomplished at each meeting; good for morale and parish life; Jodi, you going fishing with me?; thank you

**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
- **Tom McGuire invite:** Father Pete
- **Parish Feast Day; 50/50 Raffle:** All
- **Parish Retreat:** Anita McMahon
- **Hispanic Representation:** Father Pete
- **FORMED App:** Father Pete
- **Defibrillator:** Marie Zelinski and Michelle Sampson
- **Bishop McHugh:** Anita McMahon and Father Pete

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 @ 7p.m. **in the Extension.**

**Prayer:** George Dudzek

**Refreshments:** Jodi George

**Final Prayer: Father Pete**