



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 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: Annette Sherby

Pastoral Council Leader: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Peg Kroeger made a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting and Anita McMahon seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Debbie Laricks, Coordinator of Bishop McHugh's Casino Night, was invited to speak to the members of the Parish Council as to the planning for such an event. Debbie provided the council with handouts and specific details for organizing the event. Her informative presentation included such areas as licensing, various committees needed, food and beverages, sponsors, casino companies, costs, and the need for volunteers to have a successful night. A question and answer session concluded her presentation.

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. Due to time constraints, a discussion followed about tabling the event until a future date when we would be better prepared. Bill Zipparo made a motion that we table the Casino Night until the October 2015 meeting with plans to hold such an event in June of 2016. Craig Jurasinski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. In the meantime, Craig will research various casino gaming companies and select the one for the council to use for this event; and Father Pete will contact Mr. Tom McGuire, Principal of Bishop McHugh, to set a date.

Parish Mission: 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 available in this week's bulletin.

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 in 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. Other parishes will be notified of the Retreat.

Easter: The changing of venue for Easter Sunrise Service due to construction at the bridge was discussed. The two possible options are 30th Street in Ocean City and the point in Strathmere. Father Pete is continuing negotiations to obtain an appropriate venue.

FaithFull: Anita McMahon was thanked for her assistance in having Bishop McHugh students provide donations to the food drive. Although their main focus is Holy Redeemer Food Pantry, they have consented to assist us as well. For the FaithFull drive, Jacquie Olsen stated that Bishop McHugh provided 195 pounds of food for the drive. The Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe collected a total of 945 pounds of food; all of which remained in our pantries.

Parish Appreciation Night: Father Pete stated that the Parish Appreciation Day will be held on October 4, 2015 at L's Restaurant from 1 - 4 p.m. The "Open House" event will be for volunteers and their families. The Parish will provide light refreshments as well as beer and wine.

Hospitality Sundays: Although the gas lines have been run to the pavilion, the heaters are not in place. It will probably be the first Sunday in May before Hospitality Sundays are resumed.

New Business:

Seder Dinner: The Seder Dinner will be held in the church extension on Wednesday, April 1 at 6:00p.m. The dinner costs \$20 per person and \$10 for children under 12.

First Friday Adoration: Linda O'Gorman asked about coverage during Adoration. It is a must that someone be present at all times during Adoration and to date this has not been a problem.

Final Thoughts: Well done Bill; Father Pete talks about money less than any priest; enjoyed being with everyone; 7th & 8th graders going to Sicklerville for workshops; Bishop saying Mass; many good things going on with youth; more great people coming into the Parish; relieved we aren't pushing ahead with Casino Night until next year.

Action Items:

Casino companies: Craig Jurasinski

Contact with Bishop McHugh: Father Pete

Youth Representative: Father Pete

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 30, 2015 @ 7p.m. in Extension. This is an Open Meeting.

Opening Prayer: Marge DeFoney

Refreshments: Anita McMahon

Final Prayer: Father Pete