



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Carol Ann Allen, Craig Juransinski, Leah Kornberg, Jacquie Olansen, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Prayer to Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Leader: Bill Zipparo

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

Old Business:

Parish Center: There has been some movement but nothing concrete to report.

Capital Improvements:

Basketball nets -- Waiting on second net and deciding on placement.

Carpeting at St. Casimir -- Money has been coming in for the carpeting. Father Pete has received samples from Bill Kroger.

Flag posts -- Father Pete has met with Jacob Williams regarding his Eagle Scout project.

Gathering area -- Since the gentleman helping with this project has been ill, there has been no progress on the gathering area.

The Shrine to Mary -- A major "shout out" to Gus Jurasinski for such a wonderful Shrine to Our Blessed Mother. The dedication and crowning were well attended and many have been seen at the Shrine in prayer. This is a beautiful addition to our Parish.

Gift Cards/Credit Cards: There has been considerable movement toward the use of credit cards for the purchase of gift cards. Use of the "Square" was discussed as well as smartphone vs. I Pad. A target date of mid-June has been set for using credit cards.

Also, ways of informing parishioners how the Gift Card Program works and the benefits to our Parish were discussed. Father provided a handout for our review and Bill Zipparo recommended something less wordy just

to draw attention to the program. Carol Ann Allen requested that a sign showing the various establishments be made for St. Casimir.

Other points discussed were ordering on line, more vendors, order early and pick up later. However, many of these are difficult for our Parish as all work is done by volunteers.

House of Charity: The Parish needs to raise \$22,000 in addition to what has been pledged to date in order to reach our goal. Father Pete has sent letters to PREP families regarding the House of Charity. He will go to the parishioners at a later date. It was noted that the House of Charity goes for a 10-month time frame not just a few weeks in spring as was the thought of many. Giving to the House of Charity reflects how well the Parish is doing and how it can support itself for other projects.

Feast Day: The Social, Hospitality and 50/50 committees have met and many facets are already in place. The Mass will be at 6:00p.m. followed by the Blessing of the Sea. There will be changes made to the distribution of food as the lines were quite long last year. Also, the possibility of Joe Mitchell calling the 50/50 was discussed. Father Pete will speak to the Mayor regarding Saint Maximilian Kolbe Day.

There were many suggestions for the "WOW" factor including fireworks; movie on the beach; making sand castles; games on the beach like volleyball, gaga ball and soccer; relay races; and potato sack races. Some suggestions for give-a-ways were monogram coffee cups, beach balls, beach towels, and monogrammed water bottles.

Sale of the 50/50 packets will begin on the Sunday after Memorial Day with another big push on July 4th.

Communion/Confirmation: Communion was beautiful. Confirmation will be Tuesday, May 13, 2014 and Bishop Sullivan will preside.

Smoking Receptacle: Three receptacles were purchased and are in place at the churches.

Budget/Pastoral Planning: Carol Ann Allen began the discussion with the need for transportation for Youth Group participants as well as subsidizing those who are unable to afford the various activities. Father Pete stated that no participant is excluded if they cannot afford the fees; they are given assistance. However, investing in the Youth Ministry is necessary as they are not presently a line item in the budget.

There was enthusiastic discussion about ways to bring more people into the Church and for those attending Mass to be able to "socialize" after Mass. Both Bill Zipparo and Jacquie Olansen thought having "Coffee Sunday" after Mass would be a beginning. Discussion as to where and when followed. Craig Jurasinski brought up the idea of a pavilion being put up where the Parish Center might eventually be built. The thought of a "barn raising" with volunteers from the Parish was eagerly entertained. A target date was set for the first Sunday in October after the 9:30 Mass at Church of the Resurrection and after the 9:00 Mass at St. Casimir.

New Business: Carol Ann Allen brought up the need to draw children and parents back to the Church. Craig Jurasinski stated how some parishes have many attendees that are very involved. Jacquie Olansen mentioned a parish where there is family night once a month. Both Craig and Jacquie will attempt to get more information and present such to Father Pete and the Council.

Final Thoughts: Exciting meeting; many good ideas; when are the new members selected for the council?

Action Items:

Father Pete and Marge DeFoney -- Small Christian communities

All Members -- Parish Feast Day

Father Pete and Jacquie Olansen -- Credit card sales for gift cards

Bill Zipparo -- Flyer for gift cards

Father Pete -- House of Charity

Craig Jurasinski and Jacquie Olansen -- How other parishes bring people to the Church

Jacquie Olansen -- Sign for St. Casimir for gift cards

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 12, 2014

Prayer: Craig Jurasinski

Refreshments: Bill Zipparo

Closing Prayer: Father Pete