



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 12, 2015

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Kevin Catanoso, Jodi George, Marge DeFoney, Gary Mruz, Linda O'Gorman, Jacquie Olansen, Jared Schiavone, Jason Schiavone, Annette Sherby, Bill Zipparo

Introduction of New Members: Father Pete introduced our three youth representatives, all of whom are Juniors at Ocean City High School and members of various sporting teams and the National Honor Society. Two other new members who were unable to attend tonight's meeting will hopefully be introduced at our next meeting.

Opening Prayer: Marge DeFoney

Pastoral Council "Officers": Father Pete requested that with new members and start of another year of the Council that one person take the position of Facilitator and one for Recorder of Minutes for the Council. Annette Sherby volunteered to be Facilitator and Jacquie Olansen stated she would remain as Recorder unless someone else wanted the position.

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Annette Sherby

Approval of Minutes: Marge DeFoney made a motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting and Bill Zipparo seconded it. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Thrift Shop: A request for volunteers for the Thrift Shop will be placed in the Sunday bulletin as suggested by Sara Bartleson at the October meeting.

Capital Improvements:

The heat in the pavilion is working very well and will be used year round. Since some water does come in during heavy rains/wind, some adjustments will be made to the windows.

Father Pete mentioned the possibility of a second Mass on Christmas to be held in the pavilion if a Priest is available. Kevin stated he might be able to ask someone.

The new siding on the Church of the Resurrection is complete.

It was brought to the Council that parishioners were hoping for the addition of a steeple to the COTR. Although the cost to purchase a steeple is relatively inexpensive, the shipping is very expensive. Jacquie Olansen will do follow up research on this.

Investigation is being made in to the possibility of St. Mary's in Woodbine being refurbished to assist with our handling of homeless and needy families.

Father will be working with a company to repair/update the sound systems at both St. Casimir and COTR.

Parish Accounting: In light of the October 22 meeting with interested parishioners about parish financial report, Fr. Pete reiterated that the finances for the Parish are in good shape. The pledges for the House of Charity stand at \$74, 00 of the goal of \$96,000. Father Pete discussed the possibility of electronic giving as many parishioners use their credit cards for most payments. Marge DeFoney will look at what other parishes are doing and what is the least expensive way to handle this.

Parish Mission: The Parish Mission will be held at Church of the Resurrection April 2 thru 5.

New Business:

Parish "Fun raiser": Jacquie Olansen presented the information on Chad Juros, the Magician. He is available on February 6, 2016 a date that Bishop McHugh is available for use. It was decided that having a Mass at 5:30 followed by a dinner of pizza, etc, and then the show would be a good choice. This would be our "Family Dinner and Show". Anita and Jacquie will continue working on the details and arrangements.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service: COTR will host the Ecumenical Service on Tuesday, November 24 at 7p.m. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Dates to Remember : St. Casimir Christmas Bazaar -- November 20 to November 23. The Ladies Auxiliary Giving Tree at COTR -- December. The Knights of Columbus, COTR, Feed the Needy -- set up begins December 12 with delivery on December 19.

Year of Mercy: The Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015 and continues through November 30, 2016, The Feast of Christ the King. The Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe will be

involved in various activities to incorporate the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Included will be a Pilgrimage to Cape May to "Walk through the Holy Doors". Buses will be provided for this day of prayer, confession and communion. The Parish will complete two of the corporal works by clothing the naked and feeding the needy at the Covenant House. The spiritual works will be completed through a spiritual journey leading to the Feast Day. Beginning November 20, a section of the "View from the Rectory" will be devoted to the "Mercy Corner".

Gift cards: The process for using the "Square" for selling the gift cards is moving forward. The plan is scheduled to be in place by early December or January. Suggestions were made to find other locations for obtaining the gift cards, especially some that would be used by our youth.

Parish Center: Father Pete has made a proposal to the Diocese for the building of a parish center and the forgiveness of our indebtedness incurred with the Building of Bishop McHugh Regional School. He was informed by diocesan officials that the next step in his proposal is to present it to the College of Consultants and the Bishop. The process to do this is being led by diocesan officials.

Final Thoughts: Interesting first meeting, great things happening, great to have the youth members join us, very excited, glad to have youth here, glad going to have "Fun Night", good to hear what we are going through, very interesting, I'll talk to priest for Christmas Mass, thank you for inviting us to participate, like the idea of the steeple, possibly with a bell, maybe Carillion bells.

Action Items:

Small Christian Communities: Father Pete and Marge DeFoney

Parish Fun Night: Anita McMahon and Jacquie Olansen

Electronic Giving: Marge DeFoney

Steeple: Jacquie Olansen

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 10 @ 7:00 p.m. in the COTR Extension. (Please note that this will be the meeting place moving forward.)

Opening Prayer: Gary Mruz

Refreshments:

Closing Prayer: Father Pete