



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Marge DeFoney, Peg Kroger, Jacquie Olansen, Annette Sherby, Kevin Smyth, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Peg Kroger

Pastoral Council Leader: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Peg Kroger made a motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting. Annette Sherby seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Members: Since this was an open meeting for all parishioners, the members of the Parish Council introduced themselves.

Old Business:

Parish Pavilion: The Parish is awaiting the official CO for the building. Also, the chairs and tables have not arrived but are scheduled for arrival within the week. Improvements continue to be made in an attempt to make the facility available year round.

Capital Improvements: The carpeting at St. Casimir is installed. The pews, which were refurbished, were moved to allow for additional space between the pews. Additional improvements such as painting are being assessed.

Gathering Area: The glass panels for the doors and windows have arrived but have not been inserted into the frames. The Gathering Area is the next "big" project at COTR.

Fundraising: Information is being gathered regarding a Casino Party Night. Having various groups and organizations sponsor the gaming tables would reduce the cost to the Parish, thus creating greater revenue. The committee will continue to explore various avenues. It was re-emphasized that any fundraising event must be a bringing of the community together; ie, hospitality and community.

Gift cards: The use of the "Square", for credit card purchases, has been delayed due to the fact that T-Mobile provides limited service to the COTR area and no service to the St. Casimir area. Use of telephones requiring contracts is quite expensive and not cost effective. Jacquie will look into the use of I-Pads as an alternative. The Gift Card Program has been successful to date with a balance of over \$18,000 in the bank and an additional \$10,000 in inventory.

Parish Social Events: Using the Pavilion to bring people together is a major objective for the Parish.

New Business:

Parishioners' comments/questions/observations:

Father Pete was asked if he would consider taping Mass. He stated that would take away the true meaning of giving the Homily.

It was suggested that the Parish hold a 2 -3 night Mission to bring the people together in a spiritual manner. At present there is no Liturgy Committee to do this.

The fact that we do not have Bingo was discussed.

A question was raised as to why there cannot be more announcements made before, during, or after the Masses. Father stated that many individuals have only one hour each week with Jesus and that should be the main focus of the Mass.

Accolades were given for PREP/CCD and the manner in which Agnes Bross, with the help of Mary Wurtz, is running this program. The use of the "Chosen" program has been very positive.

Pastoral Council Discernment: Following the open meeting, those individuals interested in becoming members of the Pastoral Council were invited to stay for the Discernment portion of the meeting. Questions and answers, as well as discussions, then ensued. The candidates adjourned and the Council members discussed thoughts and observations.

Hospitality Sunday: November 2, 2014 after the 9:30 Mass will be the first Hospitality Sunday. Peg will speak with Ralph's to discuss purchasing of bagels, donuts, juice and coffee for approximately 150 people. The Parish Council will provide setup and cleanup. Any leftover food will be available for the CCD students.

Final Thoughts: Great meeting; wish more people had shown up for the Discernment.

Action Items:

Small Christian Communities: Father Pete and Marge DeFoney

Hospitality Sunday: ALL

Lights by granite sign at COTR: Father Pete

Casino Party Night Fundraising: Craig Jurasinski, Peg Kroger, Jacquie Olansen

Gift cards/"Square": Jacquie Olansen

Ralph's: Peg Kroger

Next Meeting Date: As of this writing, it is TBD

Opening Prayer: Annette Sherby

Refreshments: Father Pete

Closing Prayer: Father Pete