



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2017

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, George Dudzek, Anita McMahon, Gary Mruz, Jacquie Olansen, Linda O’Gorman, Jared Schiavone, Jason Schiavone, and Marie Zelinski

Opening Prayer: Father Pete

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Gary Mruz

Approval of Minutes: Marie Zelinski made a motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting and Anita McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **St. Maximilian Statue:** The statue of St. Maximilian Kolbe has been moved closer to the church; at the main entrance where all can observe it as they approach the church.
- **Sacristy carpeting at COTR:** One confessional at the Church of the Resurrection has been completed. The second confessional will be completed soon.
- **Cushions on Pews:** Jack Griffin will present to the council at the next parish council meeting.
- **Kneelers:** David Wurtz has been working on the kneelers; repairing those in need.
- **Defibrillator:** Marie Zelinski stated that the nurses will explain the use of the defibrillator to lecturers, Ems, and ushers in June. It is hoped that at least one trained member will be available at all Masses and church functions.
- **Capital Campaign for the Parish Center:** Father Pete stated that we are in the “quiet phase” which involves private solicitation by Father Pete which is hoped to determine leadership donations. This phase will continue through the May/June time frame during which Father Pete will also host at least three receptions to meet with the top tier donors. On June 14th, there will be a reception for major donors. The week of August 12/13 Father Pete will speak at all Masses at which time the “general phase” will begin. The completion goal date for the campaign is late October.
- **Parish “Fun” raiser:** “Fun raising” ideas are a charter fishing trip which Jodi George is hoping to plan; a trip to NYC for Christmas in the summer; an adult trivia night.
- **Parish Mission:** Donna Britt has been coordinating with Father Pete to discuss “Discerning the movement of God in our lives”. There will be five sessions leading up to the feast day which will include use of Formed.
- **FORMED:** More explanation and encouragement needs to be done to get people to use FORMED. An app will be available soon and it will be used for the parish mission.

- **Father Pete's 25th:** On May 21, the parish will come together to celebrate Father Pete's 25th year as a priest. Approximately 550 – 600 people have signed up for the "parish picnic" before the feast day.
- **Father Hutter:** The son of MaryAnn and Joe Hutter, Father Hutter, is also celebrating his 25th year as a priest. Father Pete acknowledged him at both the Mass on May 16 and at this meeting.
- **Parish Feast and 50/50 Raffle:** The Feast Day will be celebrated on August 14 on the beach in Strathmere. Linda O'Gorman was thanked for putting all 1300 raffle packets together. Packets were distributed to CCD families prior to the end of CCD classes. The goal again this year is \$100,000. It was suggested that packets be handed out on May 21; however, Father Pete was uncomfortable with that idea. He also stated that if we start too early, then it goes flat.

New Business:

- **Bishop McHugh presentation:** Anita McMahon presented ideas and information following meetings with Father Pete as to how to nurture the relationship between the churches and the school. The ideas and suggestions that were well discussed included:
 - Bulletin – timely submission of articles; signs; more info regarding the school
 - Participation – encourage more participation of school parents in church activities; wearing of school uniforms to Mass
 - Communication – needs to be enhanced on both sides; establish a liaison
 - Music – have students participate in choir with Jack Griffin
 - Invite Tom McGuire to Parish Council meeting
- **Church Sound system:** Jack Griffin described the need to refine and repair the music system at both churches. It would bring the system up to date. Father Pete has received a bid of \$13,000 for total repairs; the individual has many years' experience in church and other musical systems. This will be the next capital improvements project.

Final Thoughts: Glad my talk is done; thank you; learned a lot about what is going on; busy with scholarship applications; sorry to be late; glad to hear about new speakers; think about being on parish council; thank you, Anita; like to be transparent.

Action Items:

- **Parish "Fun" Raiser:** Jodi George – Fishing; Jacquie Olansen – Philly dinner cruise; Agnes – NYC trip; Philly's game; Trivia night - All
- **Cushions on Pews:** Gary Mruz/Jack Griffin
- **Capital Campaign:** All
- **Tom McGuire invite:** Father Pete

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 15, 2017 @ 7p.m. in the Extension.

Prayer: Gary Mruz

Refreshments: Anita McMahon

Final Prayer: Father Pete