



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Marge DeFoney, Anita McMahon, Jacquie Olansen, Annette Sherby,

Opening Prayer: Annette Sherby

Pastoral Council Leader: Father Pete

Approval of Minutes: Marge DeFoney made a motion to accept the minutes of the August meeting. Annette Sherby seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Members: As this was an open meeting for all parishioners and those wishing to participate in the discernment for new members, Father Pete described what the Council does for the Parish. This was followed by the members of the Parish Council introducing themselves.

Old Business:

Youth Representative: Father Pete and his staff have several candidates for the student positions on the Parish Council. He will meet with these individuals and make a selection by the October meeting.

Capital Improvements: Father Pete will meet with the contractor on Tuesday to choose the color of the shingles for the roof on Saint Joseph's. David Wurtz and Father will look into the duct work for the air conditioning in the classroom area. The light by the monument at the Church of the Resurrection has been fixed.

Parish Appreciation: Sunday, October 4, there will be an "Appreciation" get together for the approximately 500 volunteers from Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish. This event, to thank everyone for their hard work, will be held from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. at L's with

wine, beer and hors' d'oeuvres being served. The Eagles game will be on the various TV's around the restaurant.

Parish "Fun" Night: Having an adult "fun" night was discussed. Suggestions made were to go bowling, have a band and comedian in the pavilion, a party bus to Atlantic City or to "Crabby Jacks" in Somers Point; a "cruise" to nowhere; party on the Ferry at Cape May. Anita McMahon, Marge DeFoney and Jacquie Olansen will research the various suggestions to determine logistics, cost, etc. Most importantly is the fact that it be a night where people can interact. The parishioners attending the meeting preferred the idea of a comedian and band at the pavilion.

New Business:

Parish Accounting: Father Pete stated that the fiscal accounting will be completed by October 4th and he will provide a stewardship accounting at that time as well. Following the publishing of this information in the bulletin, there will be an open meeting for all parishioners to ask questions regarding any part of the accounting.

Parish Mission: Linda O'Gorman has been researching information for another Parish Mission. Since she was not able to attend this meeting, she will bring the information to the next Parish Council.

St. Casimir's Thrift Shop: There was some discussion regarding the volume of items that are stored in the "warehouse" for the Thrift Shop. It was suggested that Sarah be invited to the next council meeting to hear the concerns as well as possible ideas that were presented.

Hospitality Sunday: The Hospitality Sundays have been well received. They will continue all year long as there will be heat for the colder months. The next Hospitality Sunday, on October 4, will be hosted by Bishop McHugh.

Parishioners' Forum:

Parish Life Center: The question was raised regarding a Parish Center--is anything in the works. Father Pete stated that a preliminary plan has been determined. The present pavilion would be moved and the Center built on that site. The projected cost one year ago was approximately \$1.7million. However, parish indebtedness needs to be resolved. Clearly, building a parish center is on Father Pete's

agenda. This is a charitable community and such a center would be well used by the entire township.

Parish Council Members: It was suggested that the names of the Parish Council members be available in the bulletin so that Parishioners know who they may contact with any questions, concerns, etc.

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. Father Pete explained what the Parish Council does. He stated that the members are the "eyes and ears" of the parish bringing information to the meeting to be discussed, reviewed, and acted upon. All groups of the Parish go to the Parish Council and all are given equal weight. Questions and answers, as well as discussions, then ensued. The candidates adjourned and the Council members discussed thoughts and observations.

Action Items:

Small Christian Communities: Father Pete and Marge DeFoney

Parish Fun Night: Anita McMahon, Marge DeFoney, Jacquie Olansen

Youth Representative: Father Pete

Parish Mission: Linda O'Gorman

AC in classrooms: Father Pete

Invitation to Sarah to attend next meeting: Father Pete

Parish Accounting/Stewardship Accounting: Father Pete

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 8, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory

Opening Prayer: Linda O'Gorman

Refreshments: Jacquie Olansen