



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 2, 2013

Members in Attendance: Monsignor Peter Joyce, George Dudzek, Leah Kornberg, Peg Kroeger, Jacquie Olansen, Ellen Pfiefe, Annette Sherby, Kevin Smyth, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Father Pete

Parish Council Leader: George Dudzek

The agenda for the meeting was handed out and minutes were provided to those who needed a copy.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved after some discussion regarding the monies in the trust fund, which were detailed in the March 7 minutes.

Old Business:

Parish Center: There is still no feedback from the engineers regarding the Center. Father Pete has made phone calls with little to no response.

Pastoral Priorities: There was nothing to report as to the meetings/contacts with DRE about PREP involvement, youth and music ministers regarding youth liturgy, Ocean City youth minister, CAP compliance/training and service opportunities for the youth.

Renovations: The new doors for COTR are here and all parts should be in place this week. A professional door installer will be installing the doors, but volunteers who can do such work are needed to assist. Much has been done at St. Casimir. Once the tiling was completed, parishioners became more aware of other things that needed to be done and are assisting with completing many of these projects.

House of Charity: The House of Charity fund raising is doing quite well. To date the pledges are well above those of last year with approximately \$55,000 of the \$71,000 having been pledged. The campaign continues through the end of the year.

Census: A mailing has gone out to all parishioners to attempt to obtain correct information regarding the people of the community. Approximately 1800 packets were mailed out and it is hoped that all will be completed and returned to the Parish.

Finances: The \$500K trust fund was discussed. Due to the wording, it has been impossible for the Parish to obtain any of these funds. However, Father Pete will explore all necessary avenues to obtain these funds. Next week, the Budget for next year will be submitted to the Finance Committee. Father stated that the financial information will be provided to all parishioners in September as he has done in the past.

Feast Day: The Mass for the Feast Day will be at 6:00 p.m. on the beach at Strathmere. The Liturgy committee is working on the Mass. Mass will be followed by the Blessing of the Sea. Upon the completion of the Blessing, the drawing will be held for the 50/50. Attendees will then partake of a "potluck" dinner. No fires will be allowed on the beach. Father Pete will speak to Caproni regarding the placement of one or more porta potties for the evening.

Fund Raising: The 50/50 raffle for the Feast Day will begin Memorial Day weekend. There was considerable discussion as to the number of tickets to place in each envelop for sale and whether to have more than one winner. Leah so aptly stated that since we are a Parish, it is better to look to provide more than one winner. Thus, there will be five winners dividing one half of the income from the 50/50. It is our goal to raise \$50,000. It was agreed that the number of tickets in each envelop should total \$120. Members of the Parish Council will help in the sales and organizing of the ticket sales.

Transition of Parish Council Members: There was discussion as to how to approach the transitioning of council members so that some serve one year, some serve two years and some serve three years. Father Pete asked Ellen and Leah if they would like to stay on as they will leave the end of next year due to graduation from high school. Suggestions were made that members email Father Pete with ideas as well as the "drawing of straws" to see who stays and who goes. It was decided to table this until the next meeting.

New Business:

Notification to Parishioners: Members showed concern as to who knew what persons were members, what people might be questioning regarding the Council, and how to best get the information to all Parishioners. It was suggested and agreed upon that the minutes be posted to the Parish website. Then all have access to names of the members as well as what took place at each of the meetings. Father also mentioned the possibility of having one meeting open to the public so they could bring their thoughts to the Council. He suggested that a regular meeting without public input would take place until the New Business section when the public could make their input known.

Additional renovations: Jacquie mentioned that there is a broken stained glass window at St. Casimir. Presently there is blue duck tape covering the hole. Keith stated that he knows someone who does stained glass and will contact him about the possibility of repairing the window. Also, the windows in the rectory, especially in Father Pete's office, are in need of repair. They are deteriorated. Father stated that these will be considered under the Capital Improvements in the budget discussions next week with the Finance committee.

Gift Cards/Script: Questions were raised as to people knowing about the vendors. A suggestion was made to obtain the various logos and make a poster of them so parishioners are aware of what is for sale. Jacquie will look into that.

CCD: Peg brought up the fact that there are no late classes for the 7th and 8th graders. Also, working moms have difficulty getting their children to CCD early. It was suggested that there might be a need to add another class to meet the needs of the parents/children. Father Pete stated that obtaining teachers for the classes is the difficulty but will definitely look into it for next year.

Action Items:

1. Father Pete will meet with Marie Moran about Religious Ed (PREP)
2. Father Pete will meet with Carl Granieri, Jack Griffin, Diane Leo, Diane Peck regarding Youth Liturgy
3. Father Pete will contact St. Damien (Ocean City) Youth Minister
4. Father Pete will obtain information regarding CAP training
5. Father Pete will speak with Marie Moran and Diane Leo about youth helping in the food pantry and the possibility of Fasting for Food
6. Father Pete will speak with Sally Godfrey regarding the purchase of a movable coat rack.
7. Father Pete will contact Caprioni regarding Porta Potties at beach for Feast Day
8. Father Pete will contact person from St. Augustine's regarding fireworks for Feast Day
9. All council members will assist with Feast Day raffle and ticket sales.
10. Council members will consider ways of transition of membership.
11. Father Pete will have minutes posted to the Parish website.
12. Keith will obtain information about repair for the stained glass window at St. Casimir.
13. Jacquie will obtain logo information for poster for gift cards.
14. Father Pete will look into scheduling of CCD classes for next year.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer for June meeting: Peg Kroeger

Refreshments for June meeting: Carol Ann Allen

Closing prayer: Father Pete