



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Members in Attendance: Monsignor Peter Joyce , Carol Ann Allen, George Dudzek, Craig Jurasinski, Lean Kornberg, Peg Kroeger, Jacquie Olansen, Ellen Pfiefe, Annette Sherby, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Bill Zipparo

Parish Council Leader: George Dudzek

The agenda for the meeting and minutes of the March 7th meeting were provided to all members.

The minutes for the March meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Parish Center: Father Pete stated that the engineers have not provided any additional information to him at this time.

Diocesan Pastoral Priorities: Father Pete had nothing to report for meeting with Marie Moran (Religious Ed.), Diane Leo, Diane Peck (Youth Liturgy), St. Damien Youth Minister, Carl Granieri and Jack Griffin (Music), and the possibility of CAP training at our Parish for having youth volunteers at the Food Pantries and Thrift Shop.

Renovations: Information for the bathroom renovations needs to be presented to the Finance Committee for their approval. The tile work at St. Casimir is in progress and should be completed by Saturday. The kitchen at St. Casimir is now up to code. The doors for the COTR are here and will be put in next week.

House of Charity: Father Pete stated that it is a necessity that we meet our goal this year. Last year, we made \$64,000 and it was only raised by 10% for this year making our goal \$71,000. At present, there are pledges of \$25,000 whereas last year it was at \$18,000 for the same time frame. There are approximately 1800 families in our parish and last year only 280 participated in pledging to the House of Charity. The monies collected are spread throughout the six counties. Father stated that after Sandy, Cape May County Catholic Charities was one of the first to receive assistance. If necessary, Father will approach the congregation talking about how House of Charity has, in fact, impacted individuals in our community.

Census: A letter is being sent to all registered parishioners to attempt to get correct information and have the census as accurate and up to date as possible. These mailings should be sent within the next week or so.

Scrip: The Scrip program has now been renamed "Gift Cards" in an effort to have people better understand what the program is really about. Jacquie provided members with a financial look at the monies in the bank, the value of the inventory and the determination of profit for the sales on a given weekend. At the present time there is \$5330.62 in the bank; and there is an inventory of \$17, 275. It was shown that selling \$2225 worth of gift cards provided the Parish with \$113.75 in income. Thus the need to talk up the program. It was again stressed that volunteers are needed and that everyone needs to do their part to make others aware of the program. There are forms in the gathering area of the church for parishioners to take home and complete.

Finances: Father Pete provided members with detailed financial information showing the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual accountings. It was stated that the \$135,236 for capital improvements is in Camden while only \$12,890 is here for Father to write checks on without contacting Camden each time. At present, the Parish is current on every debt. Unfortunately, when Father Pete arrived and the finances were in dire need of revamping, Marie Moran, Director of Religious Ed and David Wurtz, Maintenance Supervisor, had their positions cut to part time and many others were laid off. Priests and musicians are a major, but necessary, expense to the Parish. Every quarter Father Pete is audited by a CPA as well as Diocesan audits.

Father Pete asked all Council members to review the documents and bring any questions to the next meeting.

Feast Day: Father Pete was able to meet with Mayor Palumbo regarding the use of Strathmere Beach for the Feast Day Mass and celebration on August 14. The Mayor suggested an area near the Duval Inn where the main life guard station is located and at 6:30 after the life guards leave as the beach is usually cleared out and parking is much more accessible. However, no bonfires are permitted on the beach. Father suggested that Mass be held at 6:30 followed by the Blessing of the Sea. After that, the 50/50 will be drawn and people can have their picnic dinners. In case of rain, the Mass will be moved to COTR. All were in agreement.

Father mentioned that he would like to do the nine-day Novena leading up to the Feast Day and the Feast of the Assumption. Mass for the Feast of the Assumption will take place at COTR at 7:00p.m on the 14th and on the 15th.

There was some discussion of fireworks after the planned festivities. It was suggested that all Council members take part in helping with the raffle, the Mass, and hospitality after the Mass. Sales for the 50/50 will begin on Memorial Day weekend with there being a goal of \$50,000. Last year the Parish raised \$20,000. Another thought was the need for Porta Potties for that day. Father said he would contact Caproni.

New Business:

Lent and Easter Sunday: The general consensus was that all was spiritual and beautiful. The start of Holy Week with the Passion Play seemed to set the proper tone. The use of the water fountain was especially notable. Some of the items of concern were the altar servers at the Easter Vigil. There was no rehearsal and some confusion. Father Pete was disappointed in the sun rise service. The attendance was great, the parishioners were fine, the Knights of Columbus did a great job with helping out, but Father felt that the music, the lectures were "choppy" and not as he hoped. Also, the sun did not rise as it did last year. But for the most part, all were in agreement that the entire Lenten/Easter season was well done.

Cloak Room: It was brought to Jacquie's attention that there is a need for hanging coats and for men to have a place to put their hats. The idea of a movable coat rack was considered the best option as we could put it away when not in use. Father Pete stated that Sally Godfrey had offered to purchase one and he will contact her regarding the same

Carpeting in Classrooms: Peg stated that her husband would be willing to lay new carpeting if the Parish approved funds to purchase such and if there were volunteers to help remove the old carpeting.

Transition of People off Parish Council: Father Pete mentioned that we need to discuss the 3-year/2-year/1-year transition for the council at our meeting in May.

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. All council members will review financial items distributed at meeting
7. Father Pete will speak with Sally Godfrey regarding the purchase of a movable coat rack.
8. Father Pete will contact Caprioni regarding Porta Potties at beach for Feast Day
9. Father Pete will contact person from St. Augustine's regarding fireworks for Feast Day
10. All council members will assist with Feast Day planning, Mass, hospitality, raffle

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 2 at 7:00p.m.

Opening Prayer for May meeting: Peg Kroeger

Refreshments for May meeting: Leah Kornberg

Closing Prayer: Father Pete