



## **Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe**

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Resurrection Rectory Dining Room, 7:00 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:** Monsignor Peter Joyce, Carol Ann Allen, Craig Jurasinski, Leah Kornberg, Jacquie Olansen, Annette Sherby, Kevin Smyth, Bill Zipparo

**Opening Prayer:** Leah Kornberg

**Parish Council Leader:** Craig Jurasinski

The agenda for the meeting was provided to all members as was a copy of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Income Statement for December 14, 2011 thru August 31, 2012. Members had received the minutes by email.

The minutes for the February meeting were approved.

### **Old Business:**

**Parish Center:** Father Pete has not heard any more regarding the water supply for the parish center. There was a discussion about town water versus well water. The need for enough water for fire suppressant was again a priority.

### **Diocesan Pastoral Priorities:**

Father Pete stated that there was nothing to report as far as meeting with Religious Ed, Youth Liturgy, and St. Damien Youth Minister.

Leah stated that the Honor Society at the High School prefers to keep their clothing drive to once a year.

Jacquie met with leaders of the Food Pantry stating that using our youth to stock shelves would be a great help. However, St. Casimir is unable to use youth as no one is CAP trained. A discussion about this training and the fact that all adults working while anyone under 16 is present must be CAP trained. Father Pete will obtain more information about the CAP training and if such could be done at our Parish. Marie Moran is our contact for this. It was pointed out that the food pantry is receiving outdated items so the stocking of shelves would need to be done by older youth.

It was also stated that there was an article about another church doing Fasting for Food where the young people fasted for pledges of food and/or monetary contributions for the food pantry. Father Pete will speak with Marie Moran and Diane Leo regarding this.

Jacquie provided the council with estimates for renovating the four bathrooms in the Church. Tiling the bathrooms would be approximately \$6000; toilets - \$200 each; Faucets - \$150 each; Vanities with sink - \$250 - \$475 each; Mirrors - \$70 each; Ceiling lights - \$75 each for a total of approximately \$10,000. Estimates for wall board and paint were not included. However, it was noted that changing tables already exist in the two main bathrooms and would not need to be replaced.

There was considerable discussion regarding the use of commercial vs. residential toilets and the consensus was to stay with residential. Also, the use of hand dryers vs. paper towels was also discussed. Jacquie said she would try to get some information on the Dyson quiet dryers as the Xcelerators and other brand air dryers will create too much noise for the church.

As for other renovations, the doors for the Church of the Resurrection will cost \$20,000 so there is sufficient funds to do the bathrooms. The Council, therefore, unanimously agreed to proceed with the renovations. Father will now take it to the Finance Committee.

### **New Business:**

**Ministry Appreciation Prayer:** Father Pete stated there is nothing new to report but wants to keep this in front of us as this is important to remember.

**House of Charity:** Father Pete advised us that the beginning of the House of Charity appeal has been pushed back until the middle of April. It was reiterated that Father will talk about the appeal rather than to show the video.

**Scrip:** There was a lengthy discussion of the Scrip program and ways to assist with the program. Some suggestions were visibility of sales after Masses, placing flyers and forms in the bulletin, and including mailers with the offertory envelopes or some type of notice on those envelopes. It was clear that there must be better communication to the parishioners. Jacquie noted that there is a need for volunteers to help sell after Mass as well as other times should we proceed with sales at Shoprite. Father will meet with the Scrip Committee to formulate plans for better communication. Jacquie noted that there is approximately \$16,000 value of scrip cards on hand and approximately \$8000 in the bank. The Scrip program was started with a little over \$5000 and an additional \$5000 on loan; therefore, in less than one year the program has proved to be quite profitable and a great source of income for the Parish without any cost to parishioners.

**Feast Day:** The Feast Day for the Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe is August 14th with the Feast of the Assumption on August 15th. Discussion regarding the type of feast to have to celebrate these two days was lengthy. It was stated that there will be a 50/50 with the ticket being pulled the night of the Mass. Last year, the Parish raised \$20,000 through the 50/50. Some of the suggestions for the celebrations were to have Mass at 6:00 followed by a black tie event at the Country Club and, the one most discussed, was to have Mass on the beach followed by a picnic dinner. The title of "Feast on the Beach" was presented. It was thought that individual families would bring their own picnic basket dinners. Father Pete will talk to Mayor Palumbo regarding the use of Strathmere and the possibility of a bonfire to follow Mass. Regardless of where we have the feast, there will be Mass at the Church of the Resurrection on Wednesday evening, August 14 for the Feast of the Assumption. Father Pete will contact all members by email if, in fact, we can use Strathmere. Otherwise, we will meet again on March 21 at 7:00 strictly to discuss the Feast Day.

**Saint Luke Production:** Sales are going okay for the play on March 22. As usual, people are probably waiting till the last day to purchase tickets.

**Census:** Father Pete is in the process of sending a letter to all members of the Parish to obtain a proper and complete census. At this time, there are approximately 1,600 members in the Parish.

**Saint Casimir:** Renovations for the Sanctuary will begin on April 1. The tiling is scheduled to begin on April 15 with a completion date of April 22.

**Finances:** The Parish is doing well. The Offertory revenue is up and expenses have been lowered as far as possible. The Parish is now in the black. Father Pete will provide us with an in-depth up-to-date financial report at the next meeting. It was stated that there is approximately \$550K in a trust fund for the Parish that, at the moment, is in litigation as the Parish is unable to obtain those funds. There is between \$300 and \$400K in savings. Bishop McHugh is owed \$1.3 million. Any funds collected during the capital campaign are earmarked strictly for the Church of the Resurrection. Those funds are being used for the doors, the renovations to the bathrooms and the renovations that have already been completed.

**Chrism Mass:** The Chrism Mass will be held at Saint Agnes Church in Blackwood on Tuesday, March 26 at 3:00p.m. Anyone wishing to car pool can meet at the Church of the Resurrection at 1:30.

**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. Jacquie will research information on Dyson quiet hand dryers
7. Jacquie will report back on the meeting with the Scrip committee
8. Father Pete will talk to Mayor Palumbo regarding the use of Strathmere Beach for the Feast Day
9. Father Pete will provide an in depth financial report for the next meeting

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**Opening Prayer for April Meeting:** Bill Zipparo

**Refreshments for April Meeting:** Craig Jurasinski

**Closing Prayer:** Father Pete