



## **Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe**

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2013

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

**Opening Prayer:** Prayer of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

**Parish Council Leader:** Bill Zipparo

A motion was made by Peg Kroger to accept the minutes of the last meeting and seconded by Craig Jurasinski. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

**Youth Ministry:** The "Kick Off Event" will take place on December 15, 2013 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Games, Christmas carols, a bon fire and other activities are planned for the evening. It will take place in the field adjacent to the parking lot which will be well lighted. The bonfire will occur in the retention pond.

Every other Sunday, the 5:00 p.m. Mass will be a Youth Mass. The choir will be a youth choir as well as the lectors being from the youth group.

**Parish Center:** Father Pete has met three additional times with the architects to be sure the design fulfills the needs of the Parish community in the most economical manner. John Fennekohl, Tim Murray, Steve Hartsough, David Wurtz, and Noel McCreash have been meeting with Father to accomplish the stated purpose. Father has been working to ascertain if Trust monies might be utilized for this purpose. There was discussion as to how the community will respond to the need for assisting with the funding and the consensus was that most will be more than willing and very receptive to the funding of the Parish Center.

**Gift Card Fundraising:** Jacquie Olansen state that the gifts cards continue to sell and the new sign displaying the stores and restaurants has been well received. The gift cards will be available for sale on Mondays and Tuesdays when CCD classes are in session. The council expressed that using the term "gift cards" rather than scrip has been beneficial in selling the cards. There will be samples of how these gift cards can be used for presents during the holidays to help encourage additional sales.

**Small Christian Communities:** Father Pete and Marge DeFoney were unable to meet to advance this project.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Thanksgiving:** Jacquie Olansen gave an overview of the number of person helped through the Thanksgiving baskets of both Parishes. Saint Casimir provided meals to 197 families of which there were 563 adults and 175 children. Church of the Resurrection provided meals to 71 families of which 160 were adults and 81 children.

To provide the council with more in-depth information of how the churches are assisting our needy, Jacquie stated that during November, St Casimir's Food Pantry served 150 families, 323 adults and 138 children. The Thrift Shop served 600 people. Church of the Resurrection served 89 families, 173 adults and 89 children, during those same three weeks.

The discussion that followed was how to make others more aware of the needs in our community so that more donations might become available to the two Food Pantries. Father is planning to provide information through "A View from the Rectory" in the future.

**Advent:** Father Pete noted that the Penance Service for Advent is on Tuesday, December 10, at the Church of the Resurrection.

On December 23 at 9:00 at Church of the Resurrection and at 12:00 at Saint Casimir, the churches will be decorated for Christmas. Father stated that he has sent a request to the Arts and Environment Committee to be present but asked that any members of the council who are available to assist also be present. Father will put a "shout out" in the bulletin.

**Vatican Survey:** At the request of Bishop Sullivan, the Parish Council discussed the questions posed in the Vatican Survey from our Holy Father. These survey questions, on the Extraordinary Synod on the Family, encompassed an hour of discussion with many facets of Church Law and Natural Law being brought to the forefront. The survey was requested to obtain local input on the topic of Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the context of Evangelization. Father Pete will complete the survey and submit it as required.

Prior to closing the meeting, Bill Zipparo asked that we share our thoughts on the meeting as there was considerable discussion regarding the questions in the survey. Some of the comments included: lots of time to share, learned more about the Church and its rules, impressed by Pope Francis asking for input; dynamic conversation; marriages after 9/11 was a testament to the family; happy to interact with "prior crisis"; and everyone's participation.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 2, 2014**

**PRAYER:** Marge DeFoney

**REFRESHMENTS:** Kevin Smyth

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Father Pete