



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 14, 2013

This meeting was a Town Hall Meeting open to anyone who wished to attend.

Members in Attendance: Monsignor Peter Joyce, Carol Ann Allen, Marge DeFoney, Leah Kornberg, Peg Kroeger, Jacque Olansen, Annette Sherby, Kevin Smyth, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Peg Kroger

Parish Council Leader: Bill Zipparo

The minutes for the meeting of October 3, 2013 were approved and the agenda for this meeting was distributed.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION: Gus Jurasinski presented his Eagle Project to the Council. Gus will be building a Shrine to the Blessed Mother under the oak tree facing the statue of Saint Maximilian Kolbe. Gus is hoping to start the project in early April so that it may be finished before May, the month of Mary. Through donations, Gus hopes to obtain the approximately \$1600 to cover the cost of preparing the site and to secure enough additional funds to purchase the benches and statue of Mary. Father Pete has been working with Gus throughout the development of this project.

OLD BUSINESS:

YOUTH MINISTRY: Three (3) people have committed to becoming leaders for the Youth Ministry. They are Diane Peck, Paula D'Allesandro, and Mark Bisignano. They have developed several ideas that are evolving.

With the assistance of Jack Griffin, a youth choir has been formed and Youth Masses will take place every other week at the 5:00 Mass on Sundays.

The Youth Group kick-off event will be held on December 15, 2013 following the Youth Mass. A bonfire (with approval from the fire department, etc.), games, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and Christmas carols will be part of the fun night. Peg Kroger suggested GoGo Ball and that her husband would make the arena. Marge DeFoney said she would donate sports equipment for the Kick Off Night.

Other ideas being formulated are a film night; a carnival type fair; "A night in a box"; volunteering at the Atlantic City Rescue Mission; working on the farm at the Rescue Mission; volunteering at the Community Food Bank; small work groups to help parishioners with small projects such as raking leaves, painting a shed,

etc.; stocking shelves in the Food Pantry; gathering items for the Native Americans; sending cards to those in the military, and writing to shut-ins as a pen pal.

A suggestion was made to fill the retention pond in the winter for ice skating.

Peg Kroeger is the liaison for the Parish Council to the Youth Ministry.

PARISH CENTER: Father Pete met with engineers today and provided the Council with a rendering of the new Parish Center. It would be a block building with wooden trusses. The final rendering should be done by the next meeting.

Father explained that the main area would be a basketball court, not a banquet area, due to the necessity of fire suppressants. Father Pete stated that some areas are non-negotiable: a kitchen area; food pantry; Knights of Columbus meeting room for 60 - 70 people; large storage room; and the mechanical room. He stated that the negotiable areas are the Pastor's office/conference room, and offices for Joanne, Barbara, and Kathy.

Site work is a huge factor in the finalization of this project.

Father Pete has been working on ways to fund this project and will provide more details as they become available.

Art Lombardo, a member of the public who attended this meeting, spoke of the need for a resource area for Adult Faith Formation. He requested a space be set aside for this group as well as Communion breakfasts, retreats, etc. Art suggested having some of the Diocesan meetings here rather than going to Blackwood.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING: Jacquie Olansen stated that at present we have approximately \$11,000 in gift cards in our inventory; \$5000 in the bank; and an additional \$5000 in orders for gift cards (the monies already deducted from the bank account). There is ongoing discussions of the need for credit card purchases and this is being investigated. Father Pete is on board with this method of purchase as it may attract more of our parishioners who prefer to use credit cards for their purchases.

The CCD program is working to obtain parent volunteers to sell gift cards during the various class times.

Father Pete said he would like to mentioned the Gift Card Program to the community once the volunteers are all set in place. Jacquie will meet with Jean McGonigle, head of the volunteers for sales, to try to obtain more volunteers to insure that all Masses are covered.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: Father Pete thanked Jacquie for her work on the refurbishing of all four bathrooms at COTR. He also thanked her husband, John, who worked tirelessly for days to complete the project. Additional thanks went to Steve Hartshough, Tim Murray and his staff, David Wurtz and all others involved in completing the project.

FISCAL AND STEWARDSHIP REPORT: The insert in the bulletin showing the Income statement and Volunteer hours for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 was discussed. It was stated that the use of the colored pie chart was very helpful in understanding the cost in various areas.

Art Lombardo suggested that there be a permanent staff for the Adult Faith Formation, to promote people to get involved in this program. Father Pete stated that a new, full-time paid position is not feasible at this time as many of the current employees are only part time.

ST. CASIMIR REPAIRS: Kevin Smyth stated that he has contact information for repairing the stained glass window at St. Casimir. He provided that information to Jim, who was attending the public meeting.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Father Pete announced that there are 35 new Eucharistic Ministers, which doubles the previous number. He provided Carol Ann Allen with her pyx.

NEW BUSINESS:

SMALL FAITH CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES: Father Pete and Marge DeFoney will meet to work on the formation these.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Father Pete will continue to work with the engineers for the planning of the Parish Center
2. Peg Kroeger will continue to update us regarding Youth Ministry
3. Jacquie Olansen will work with Jean McGonigle for volunteers for sale of Gift cards
4. Marge DeFoney will work with Father Pete on the formation of Small Faith Christian Communities

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 7:00p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room

OPENING PRAER: Ellen Pfeifle

REFRESHMENTS: Leah Kornberg

CLOSING PRAYER: Art Lombardo

Happy Birthday wishes were given for Bill Zipparo and Leah Kornberg.