



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Carol Ann Allen, Marge DeFoney, Craig Jurasinski, Peg Kroger, Jacquie Olansen, Annette Sherby, Kevin Smyth, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: Marge DeFoney

Pastoral Council Leader: Bill Zipparo

Presentation: Youth Ministry -- Diane Peck

Diane provided us with information on her background and how she came to be a Youth Ministry Leader in the parish. Paula Delassandro, Cecilia Quigley and others have worked with Diane to bring this ministry together. The major focus of the Youth Group is on renewing the parish youth group with particular attention on 7th and 8th graders. The Mission Statement is "The youth ministry seeks to help the youth share their gifts, grow in life skills, cultivate a positive self-image, respect differences, serve those in need, foster social change while integrating Catholic values and developing a personal and spiritual relationship with Jesus." The Ministry is about reaching out to the youth. "There are no walls, no barriers; all come together."

The youth group has participated in several activities including a bonfire in December; ProLife presentation for 8th graders; a carnival followed by Mass; and a skating party. On April 6 the group will be doing Easter activities at the Ocean View Nursing Home and are planning a Day of Faith on April 13. The youth are hosting a Pool Party at the Whippoorwill Camp Ground on June 23 as part of part "Summer of Love" where the various local youth groups get together.

There was great enthusiasm expressed by Diane and a reaching out to other ministries to invite areas of opportunities for "projects", activities, etc. for the youth.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Old Business:

Parish Center: Father Pete continues to meet with members of the Parish as well as engineers to provide a design that fulfills the needs of the Parish community in the most economical manner.

Gift Card Fund Raising: Jacquie provided the Council with the financial status of the Gift Card Program. At present, there is approximately \$13,250 in inventory, \$4175 in paid orders for additional inventory; and \$7900 in the bank. Father Pete will be providing the Parish Community with information on the Gift Card Program to

help them realize that at no cost to them, they are helping the Parish. Using credit cards to make purchases is still being reviewed.

Pope Francis - Vatican Survey: The information was sent to the Diocese. Father Pete will bring a summation for the next meeting.

New Business:

House of Charity: The goal set by the Diocese for this year is \$89,000; an increase of 2% from last year. The Parish exceeded the goal last year.

Easter Sunrise Service: Mass will begin at 5:45 at Beesley's Point Beach, next to Tuckahoe Inn. Although construction is taking place, Father believed the site is still desirable. He is looking to receive approvals from Upper Township officials.

Parish Feast Day: Suggestions were made for possibilities for the celebration of the Parish Feast Day. There was considerable discussion on last year's outstanding day at Strathmere and the beauty of the day. Questions arose as to whether the location should be changed after such a wonderful, memorable day. Other options were Amanda's Field and Belle Plain State Park. Discussion will continue at the next meeting

Parish Council Open Meeting: The meeting on April 10th will be open to the Parish Community. Thus, the meeting will be held in the Church extension at 7:00 p.m. A notice will be placed in the Parish bulletin.

Final Thoughts: Prior to closing the meeting, Bill asked for thoughts from the members. Some of the comments were: Enjoyed the Youth Ministry presentation; Glad to be back with the Council members; Diane's conviction to the Youth Ministry; Tradition is a great thing; Need for Social Media for the Youth Ministry; Excitement about the possibility of a Parish Center; Eagle Scout Project well underway with Dedication to Mary on May 4th after the 9:30 Mass. All members were provided a bulletin with the Lenten observances/activities and reminded of the Seder Dinner on April 16.

Action Items:

Father Pete and Marge DeFoney -- Small Christian communities

Father Pete -- Vatican Survey

All members -- Parish Feast Day

Jacque -- Notice in bulletin regarding Open Meeting

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 10, 2014

Prayer: Jacque Olansen

Refreshments: Craig Jurasinski

Closing Prayer: Father Pete