



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Kevin Catanoso, Jodi George, Marge DeFoney, Anita McMahon, Gary Mruz, Linda O'Gorman, Jacquie Olansen, Jared Schiavone, Jason Schiavone, Annette Sherby, Bill Zipparo.

Opening Prayer: Gary Mruz

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Annette Sherby

Approval of Minutes: Bill Zipparo made a motion to accept the minutes and Kevin Catanoso seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Parish Mission: The Parish Mission was held at the Church of the Resurrection April 2 thru 5. The Mission was described as amazing. Everyone had high praise for Sister Chris Koelhoffer. Father Pete received a letter of thanks from Sister for the graciousness of the Parish. Linda O'Gorman was thanked for her work in bringing this mission to fruition. It was suggested that next year we incorporate some daytime activities for those who do not drive after dark.

Steeple/Bells: Steve Hartsough presented a bid proposal for erecting the steeple and cupola at the Church of the Resurrection. He provided detailed information as to the costs, materials and manner of construction. The construction would be completed by various parishioners and other professionals.

Bill Zipparo also presented a bid proposal from Campbellsville Industries, Inc. and Church Specialties, LLC for the construction of the steeple and cupola. He provided pictures and other detailed information.

Following the presentation by both parties, there was a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of each proposal. As the Council was split (60/40) on determining who should receive the bid, Father Pete will review all parts of both as well as Council input and make a final decision.

Gift Cards: Within the next few weeks, gift cards will be able to be purchased with credit cards. In the past only cash or checks were used. The volunteers have been trained using the “Square” and Ipad. Jacquie Olansen provided members with a rough draft of what might be inserted into the bulletin to explain the program to the Parish. When all phases are complete, Father Pete will speak about the Gift Card program to the parishioners.

Capital Projects: Nothing to report for repairs at St. Casimir as the contractors have not responded to Father Pete.

Parish Center: Father Pete advised the Council that the Diocese had asked for a Feasibility Study be completed for the building of a Parish Center. This would take place during the summer with results probably available in the fall. Cost to the Parish could be between \$15k and \$40k. Father Pete will be getting more details before moving ahead.

Parish Book Club: The “SMK Book Club” will be similar to the Marian Consecration in that one book will be read each month starting in May and leading to consecration at the Feast Day. There will be discussions on the various topics lead by facilitators from the Parish.

Pilgrimage: The Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors will take place on April 27. In preparation for this Pilgrimage, Father Peterson will lead a presentation on April 20. This will be followed by a Penance Service on April 21. At present there are two full buses that will leave the Church of the Resurrection at 5:00p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 with a catered dinner at 7:30 returning to COTR by 9:30p.m.

New Business:

First Holy Communion: First Communion will be celebrated on April 30.

Hospitality Sunday: The Catechists will host Hospitality Sunday on May 1 after the 8:00, 9:30, and the 11:00 Mass.

May Crowning: The May Crowning will take place after the 9:30 Mass on May 1.

Confirmation: Confirmation will be celebrated on May 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School: This summer Vacation Bible School will again be offered. Kevin Catanoso has been a volunteer for the past four years and will do so again this year.

Parish Feast Day: The Feast Day and 50/50 will take place this year on Sunday, August 14. Father Pete is already in contact with Strathmere officials for using the beach on that day. A discussion included such points as the fact that no band would be asked to play on the beach; having the Feast Day on Parish grounds last year was well received; what new “WOW” factors could be included. The members were asked to begin emailing each other to get ideas/suggestions to bring to the next meeting.

Budget/Pastoral Planning: Father Pete will provide specifics at our next meeting.

Community Comments: As there were no parishioners present at the open meeting, suggestions were made to help “get the word out.” Since our next open meeting is scheduled for July, the idea of using the pavilion and providing refreshments might help to bring more people to our meeting.

Bishop McHugh Luncheon: Bishop McHugh provided a luncheon and school tour for members of the various Parish Councils. It was a very informative time and the four-year old students were delightful with the singing and signing of Jesus Loves Me. Anita McMahan was thanked for participation in this event.

Final Thoughts: Looking forward to finalizing the steeple and bells; glad we are going on a Pilgrimage; excited about steeple; pleased to hear about feasibility study; excited about everything – mission, pilgrimage; parish mission moving ahead; parish community going on pilgrimage; great diverse group; feeling like the Parish is home; hopefully get to keep this guy (Father Pete).

Action Items:

Electronic Giving: Marge DeFoney

Steeple and Electronic Bells: Father Pete

Electrical work: Kevin Catanoso

Gift Cards: Jacquie Olansen

Family Fun Night: Marge DeFoney

Feast Day: All

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. in the COTR Extension.

Opening Prayer: Jodi George

Refreshments: Jacquie Olansen

Closing Prayer: Father Pete