



## **Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe**

### **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, February 15, 2018

**Members in Attendance:** Father Peter Joyce, George Dudzek, Jodi George, Brenna Laverty, Anita McMahon, Gary Mruz, Jacquie Olansen, Shannon O'Reilly, Tim O'Shea, Jose Santiago, Marie Zelinski, Bill Zipparo

**Opening Prayer:** Jacquie Olansen

**Pastoral Council Facilitator:** Bill Zipparo

**Approval of Minutes:** George Dudzek made a motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting and Gary Mruz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

- **50/50:** After a discussion of how best to handle the packaging of the 50/50 raffle tickets, Jacquie Olansen made a motion that five tickets be placed in each envelop at \$20 per ticket with a maximum of 5000 tickets being sold. Gary Mruz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- **Cereal Bowl Sunday:** Jacquie Olansen stated that the Cereal Bowl drive was a tremendous success. A total of over 500 boxes of cereal were donated to both St. Casimir and Church of the Resurrection. Thanks to all the parishioners for making this such a successful endeavor.
- **Capital Campaign for the Parish/Community Center:** Pledge redemption has begun. Work with the personnel of the Diocese to move this project forward is continuing.
- **St. Casimir Feast Day:** March 4, 2018 is the Feast Day of St. Casimir. There was a great turnout for the planning of the celebration which will include Mass, food and fellowship. Set up will take place on Saturday, March 3, with the celebration beginning with Mass at 11:00 a.m. Thank

you to Tim O'Shea for obtaining St. Casimir medals which will be given out on the Feast Day.

- ***Cushions on Pews:*** The project is underway with fabric having been chosen for the cushions and the kneelers. The pews have been cleaned with special thanks to Steve Hartshough and Ed Pearce for leading the project.
- ***Classroom Carpeting:*** At this time, there is no information.
- ***Drug Overdosing:*** Several council members attended the "Hidden in Plain Sight" presentation at the Upper Township Primary School. Additionally, Bill Zipparo presented another effort through the League of Women Voters. Discussion suggested that as parishioners become aware of initiatives, these might be communicated through the bulletin.
- ***Puerto Rico:*** Jose Santiago continues to attempt to be in touch with a relative in Puerto Rico; however, communications are very difficult. Father Pete will set a time that he hopefully will be able to contact Holy Rosary Church in Puerto Rico to ascertain if we could adopt them as a "sister church". Father will speak with the Diocese to ascertain if there are any funds available for rebuilding Puerto Rico.

#### **Information:**

**Stations of the Cross** – Friday evenings during Lent; 6 p.m. at St. Casimir; 7 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection

**Ecumenical Soup Dinner** – February 28 at COTR

**Parish Mission** – Feb 21, Mar 7, Mar 21, Mar 28, and April 4 from 7 – 8:30p.m. Donna Britt will lead the Mission

**Lenten Penance Service** – March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection

**Strength, Conditioning and Balance Class** – February 28 – April 4 at 9 a.m. in the extension of the Church of the Resurrection. Georgette Costello and Jeanette Thompson will lead the class which is primarily for seniors.

**House of Charity** – Has begun. Our goal will be met for last year.

**Seder Dinner** -- March 27 at Church of the Resurrection.

## **New Business:**

- **Matthew Kelly:** Anita McMahon has been working to have Matthew Kelly come to our area in 2019. All pastors of Cape May County have been invited to a meeting on March 7 to ascertain if such an undertaking is feasible. To have Matthew be the speaker, approximately 2000 people would need to attend. Therefore, there was much discussion about location, travel to an area away from Cape May County, venue, etc. Thanks to Anita for all her efforts.
- **Thrift Shop Donations:** There was a lengthy discussion regarding providing items to the Thrift Shop. It was suggested that a drop box be available at Church of the Resurrection for those not able to drive to St. Casimir. It was recommended that Sarah be asked to come to our meeting to further discuss ways that we could be of assistance to her.

**Final Thoughts:** Glad cushions are taken care of; happy about Matthew Kelly; good meeting; covered a lot; lots of new things; busy, busy; need numbers of signups for feast day; productive meeting; thanks to all; take advantage of the graces available during Lent.

## **Action Items**

- **Capital Campaign:** All
- **Hispanic Representation:** Jose Santiago
- **St. Casimir Feast Day:** All
- **"Sister Church":** Father Pete
- **Invite to Sarah:** Father Pete
- **Matthew Kelly:** Anita McMahon

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 @ 7p.m. in the Extension

**Prayer:** Tim O'Shea

**Refreshments:** Marie Zelinski

**Final Prayer:** Father Pete