



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 11, 2018

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

Opening Prayer: Father Pete

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Welcome to New Members: Bill Zipparo welcomed Brenna Laverty as a new member to the council.

Approval of Minutes: Anita McMahon made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting and George Dudzek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Capital Campaign for the Parish/Community Center:** We have received \$1.9M in pledges to date from 425 families. The RFP for an architect is being drafted
- **Bishop McHugh signage:** The signage for Bishop McHugh is in place at the Church of the Resurrection and will be addressed for the St. Casimir campus.
- **St. Casimir Feast Day:** March 4, 2018 is the Feast Day of St. Casimir. A celebration which will include Mass, food and fellowship is being planned. The proposed ideas are for a Spanish/English Mass; Spanish, Polish and American food; and music. It was suggested that information about the founding of St. Casimir be available. Inquiries will be made by Tim O'Shea.

- ***Cushions on Pews:*** Project is being implemented within the context of other capital projects at the Church of the Resurrection.
- ***Classroom Carpeting:*** There has been no information provided to date.
- ***Christmas:*** Favorable comments were made about the placement of the Nativity in front of the Altar and with Bambinelli Sunday.
- ***Drug Overdosing:*** On February 1 from 6 – 8 p.m. the program, “In Plain Sight”, will be presented at the Upper Township Primary School Music Room. Also, Tim O’Shea provided information about substance abuse counseling with Father John Stabeno at St. Charles Barromeo Church in Sicklerville.
- ***Puerto Rico:*** Jose Santiago continues to send packages to a relative in Puerto Rico to distribute to those in need. Father Pete will attempt to contact the church in Puerto Rico to ascertain if we could adopt them as a “sister church”. Anita McMahon spoke with Dave Dempsey regarding the possibility of ferrying the donations; however, it is cost prohibitive. It was suggested that we contact “Rise Against Hunger” to see if we could prepare the food packages specifically for the Puerto Rico area.

New Business:

- ***Cereal Bowl Sunday:*** Jacquie Olansen proposed that we have a cereal drive for the food pantry the week prior to the Super Bowl. She hoped that at least 100 boxes, one box for each yard on the football field, be the goal.
- ***50/50:*** As was briefly mentioned after the Feast Day in August 2017, it was suggested that we again look at the selling of the raffle tickets. After much discussion, it was decided to sell 5000 tickets at a cost of \$20 each. After a motion was made and seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Information:

First Reconciliation – January 20

Ski Trip – February 3

Mardi Gras – February 4 (Father Pete will speak to Agnes as that is Super Bowl Sunday)

Quizzo – March 4 @ 7p.m. (Religious Ed)

Ash Wednesday - February 14; Masses at 8:30; 12:00; and 7:00p.m

Stations of the Cross – Friday evenings during Lent

Ecumenical Soup Dinner – February 28 at COTR

Parish Mission – Feb 21, Feb 28, Mar 7, Mar 14, Mar 21, Mar 28, April 4 from 7 – 8:30p.m.

Donna Britt will lead the Mission

Blood Drive – January 29 at COTR

Final Thoughts: Very successful meeting; lots of good discussion; like the idea of adding media into the community; lots of good ideas; wish everyone a happy and blessed new year; look forward to working together.

Action Items

- ***Cushions on Pews:*** Father Pete, Jodi George, Gary Mruz, Bill Zipparo
- ***Capital Campaign:*** All
- ***Hispanic Representation:*** Jose Santiago
- ***Cleaning of Pews:*** Father Pete
- ***Cereal Bowl Sunday:*** Jacquie Olansen
- ***St. Casimir Feast Day:*** All
- ***“Sister Church”:*** Father Pete

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2018 @ 7p.m. in the Extension

Prayer: Jacquie Olansen

Refreshments: Georgette Costello

Final Prayer: Father Pete