



Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe

Thursday, January 10, 2019

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Josh Barnes, Georgette Costello, Elizabeth Crowley, George Dudzek, Chris George, Mary Grace Jamison, Anita McMahon, Jacquie Olansen, Tim O'Shea, Ab Vallese, Marie Zelinski, Bill Zipparo

Opening Prayer: George Dudzek

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Elizabeth Crowley made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting and George Dudzek seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Capital Campaign for the Parish/Community Center:** It is now year two of the redemption process. Pledge redemption going well, there are a few pledges that we are not sure will be fully redeemed. At the same time, other contributions have helped to offset those that might not be redeemed.
- **Project Update:** Progress continues with obtaining permits through Cape May County and Upper Township. A spring ground breaking remains the hoped-for timeline.
- **Mission:** The Convocation of Catholic Leaders meets in Atlantic City March 25 to March 28. Together with the results of the Parish Mission and Diocesan Convocation the plan is for the Parish Council to assist in determining specific long- and short-term goals for the Parish.
- **Advent/Christmas/New Year Review:** The placement of the Nativity was described as very meaningful, beautiful and more conducive for parishioners to approach. The only negative was the inability to kneel before the creche and pray.

New Business:

- **Food Pantry Super Bowl:** Jacquie Olansen stated that the Parish will be having a "Cereal Bowl" drive beginning the weekend of January 27 thru the Super Bowl. Last year, over 600 boxes of cereal were donated to the Church of the Resurrection and 120 to St. Casimir. There was a discussion regarding trying to keep the "healthy" aspect into any promotional information. As a parish we need to be aware of not only feeding the needy but doing so in a healthy manner.
- **St. Casimir:** On Monday, March 4, there will be Mass said at St. Casimir for the Feast Day. Suggestions were made for hospitality after the Mass. Pizza and soft drinks in the church basement or coffee and light refreshments were some of the ideas given.
- **Information:**

Monsignor Conahan has retired. In the spring, there will be a Mass and celebration in the pavilion.

First Reconciliation preparation – January 12

Parish 50/50 -The process of selling only a specific number of tickets was the easiest to date. This method will be used again in 2019.

Ski Trip: Forms are available from Agnes Bross for the ski trip on January 26.

Blood Drive: January 28 in the extension

Ash Wednesday: March 6

Work with Donna Britt for Parish Mission: The mission will take place between Ash Wednesday and Easter, April 21.

Railing in Sanctuary: A railing at both churches is being considered.

Top Golf: Jacquie is waiting for detailed information from the casino.

Sister Parish: Jose was not present to provide up-to-date information about the parish in Puerto Rico.

Mass Schedule: With fewer priests available to say Mass, Father Pete will be rearranging the Mass schedule.

Final Thoughts: Good input, hope everyone had a good holiday, Happy New Year, very productive, excited about ideas for the youth, can't just target youth, need to bring health incentive to all, exciting, eye opening regarding families; send ideas for agenda to Father; great ideas; Frosted Mini Wheats is my favorite cereal.

Action Items:

- **Top Golf:** Jacquie Olansen
- **Drop box/Sarah:** Father Pete
- **Railing:** Father Pete

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 7, 2019 @ 7: 00p.m

Prayer: Jacquie Olansen

Refreshments: *Tim O'Shea*

Final Prayer: Father Pete