



**Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe**

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

**Members in Attendance:** Father Peter Joyce, Josh Barnes, George Dudzek, Chris George, Mary Grace Jamison, Anita McMahon, Jacquie Olansen, Tim O'Shea, Jose Santiago, Ab Vallese, 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 Marie Zelinski seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- **Capital Campaign for the Parish/Community Center:** To date, of the \$1.9M pledged, a little more than \$800K remains to be collected.
- **Project Update:** Progress continues with obtaining permits and finalizing the various aspects for construction. A spring ground breaking remains the hoped-for timeline.
- **Mission:** The Convocation of Catholic Leaders meets in Atlantic City March 25 to March 28 with eleven of our parishioners attending. It is hoped that a plan of specific long- and short-term goals for the Parish will be in place by August 14th. Donna Britt will be requested to meet with the Parish Council after the closing of the Convocation of Catholic Leaders.
- **St. Casimir:** On Monday, March 4, there will be Mass at 7:00 at St. Casimir to celebrate the Feast Day. Community and refreshments will be available in the church basement following Mass.
- **Food Pantry Super Bowl:** Jacquie Olansen thanked the high school council members for their participation in the "Cereal Bowl Drive" as they collected 300 boxes of healthy cereal. An additional 350 were donated by parishioners. Also collected for the Food Pantry were over 3000 cans of soup from Upper Township elementary school and another 300 cans of soup plus financial donations from Trinity Methodist Church. Sincere gratitude to all who donated.
- **Monsignor Conahan's Retirement:** To celebrate Monsignor's retirement, a Mass will be held at 11:00, April 7 with a reception to follow.
- **Removal of the Pavilion:** There are three parties interested in removing the pavilion. They must present a clear, definitive date to Father Pete so a decision can be made.
- **Railing in Sanctuary:** The railing at Church of the Resurrection is close to being finished. The one at St. Casimir's will follow soon.
- **Top Golf:** With so many things going on at the Parish, it was decided to table this matter to a future date.
- **Sister Parish:** Jose Santiago was in Puerto Rico and met with the Pastor of the Church who liked the idea of a "sister parish". At present, the youth are doing most of the work at the church. Jose reported that Puerto Rico is better than ever.

**Information:**

**Ash Wednesday:** March 6 with Mass at 7:30 at St. Casimir and 8:30; 12:00 and 7p.m. at COTR

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday at 6:00 at St. Casimir and 7:00 at COTR

**Lenten Penance Service:** April 2 at 7:00 at COTR

**Ecumenical Soup Dinners:** Every Wednesday during Lent at various churches throughout the area. St. Maximilian Kolbe will be hosting on March 13 and Father Pete will be speaking at United Methodist in Sea Isle City on April 10.

A discussion ensued regarding the “give away” for the Feast Day celebration on the beach. The consensus was that the T-shirts not be a giveaway.

**Final Thoughts:** Glad to be here; things going too smoothly; refreshments on the table; exciting things; looking to spring; so happy to be here; excited to see what we’ll be giving away; pray for the Convocation of Catholics; very great to see how things are going; thank you for bringing so much for the cereal bowl; the nuns make the hosts for First Communion; thank you all for being here; good discussions.

**Action Items:**

- **Drop box/Sarah:** Father Pete
- **Railing:** Father Pete

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 @ 7: 00p.m

**Prayer:** Josh Barnes

**Refreshments:** Bill Zipparo

**Final Prayer:** Father Pete