



Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

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

Opening Prayer: Josh Barnes

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Ab Vallese made a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting and Chris George seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Capital Campaign for the Parish/Community Center:** To date, of the \$1.9M pledged, \$1.1M has been collected. There are no concerns with the campaign.
- **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 asked to meet with the Parish Council after the closing of the Convocation of Catholic Leaders.
- **St. Casimir:** The Feast Day, on March 4, was well attended with an enjoyable community gathering following Mass. The tribute to Mr. Perkins was greatly appreciated.
- **Monsignor Conahan's Retirement:** To celebrate Monsignor's retirement, a Mass will be held at 11:00, April 7. It was suggested that the reception be held outdoors, weather permitting, to accommodate all those in attendance.
- **Windows in the Church of the Resurrection:** The exterior windows have been ordered. The stained glass, which will primarily depict in chronological order the Lord's resurrection appearances is being designed and finalized. Father Pete will have color renderings at the next meeting.
- **Feast Day Give Away:** The suggestion of a beach towel with the church logo was presented by Josh Barnes. It was stated that the number of items to give away not be limited to the first 250.
- **Removal of the Pavilion:** The pavilion will be removed this week.
- **Railing in Sanctuary:** The railing at Church of the Resurrection is close to being finished. The one at St. Casimir's will follow soon.

New Business:

- **House of Charity:** There was discussion regarding the fact that very few from the parish donate to the House of Charity. Of the 847 pledge cards handed out, only 70 have been returned. It was stated that the parishioners are very generous with their giving locally and may not know just how their donations would help within the local community. Father would like all parishioners to at least contribute something to realize that there are many in need outside of our local area.

- **Photos of Ministries:** It was recommended that the various church ministries have photos taken to have an “historical” record of these ministries. Another suggestion was family photos of parishioners.
- **Ecumenical Soup Dinner:** The soup dinner at the Church of the Resurrection was well attended with many positive comments; however, there were only 12 parishioners in attendance.
- **Faithful Food Drive:** The Diocesan food drive will take place on April 7. All foods donated at St. Maximilian Kolbe parish remain here as we have food pantries.
- **Seder Dinner:** The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the Seder dinner on Tuesday, April 9 from 6 – 8p.m in the COTR extension. Elaine Gellers, wife of Rabbi Gellers, will preside over the interactive Seder meal. The event is limited to 60 people. Tickets cost \$20.

Information:

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. Father Pete will be speaking at United Methodist in Sea Isle City on April 10.

Final Thoughts: Jose will be attending the Convocation of Catholic Leaders in Atlantic City; Ab will be going to Italy so not able to make meeting next month; lots of exciting things; reading a book on Maximilian Kolbe which is very interesting; excited about the possibility of beach towels; God bless everyone; starting to sink; it’s been a long day; Josh’s prayer was beautiful; looking forward to hearing about the convocation; lots of things going on and people doing things; Happy Pi Day.

Action Items:

- **Drop box/Sarah:** Father Pete
- **Railing:** Father Pete
- **Donna Britt invited for next meeting:** Father Pete
- **Faithfull:** Jacquie Olansen
- **Mission:** Prayers from all

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2019 @ 7: 00p.m. **NOTE: THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING AND WILL BE HELD IN THE BASEMENT OF ST. CASIMIR CHURCH.**

Prayer: Elizabeth Crowley

Refreshments: Marie Zelinski

Final Prayer: Father Pete