



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2019

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

Opening Prayer: Bill Zapparo

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the August meeting and it was seconded. The motion passed unanimously with the addition of Georgette Costello to members in attendance.

Old Business:

- **Capital Campaign for the Parish/Community Center:** Project is moving along well. The roof is on. The Campaign is solid. It is hoped that Christmas Eve Mass will be the Grand Opening. The Knights of Columbus will host New Years Eve in the Parish Center with the theme "Black Tie/Blue Jeans"
- **Windows:** Will not be removed by mid-September. It is hoped that the old stained-glass windows will be replaced with plain clear glass in November and the colored finished windows to be installed by Christmas. All 10 stained glass windows have been donated.
- **Community Gathering:** A communion breakfast at St. Casimir's will be in October following the 8:30am Bilingual Mass. Sister Connie Trainor will be invited to speak. Representatives from St. Casimir's were present to discuss the event. Date is pending, but possibly the third Sunday in October.
- **Reaching the Margins:** The Solidarity Pilgrimage to the Texas/Mexico border is Wednesday 9/18 through Sunday 9/22. Father Pete will bless all the Pilgrims at the 9:30 Mass on 9/15/19.
- **Parish 50/50:** This is the best year ever! We reached our goal of \$100,000!
- **Feast Day:** There was open discussion on how to alert everyone in the event of inclement weather. Father Pete explained that we are in process of updating the Website and looking into a mobile app to cover notifications.
- **Rise Against Hunger:** This year's event was the least attended to date. Father Pete feels that this is a worthy event and should continue with possibly more advertisement.
- **House of Charity:** Each year in the past 7 years, the amount donated has decreased. Father Pete plans to do an in-pew survey to understand the lack of interest.
- **Volunteering for Special Olympics:** Volunteers are needed for the bowling competition for the Special Olympics to be held on February 7 & 8, 2020 at the King Pin Lanes. Mary Grace will announce the event at the next Board meeting of the National Honor Society at Ocean City High School.

New Business:

- **Catechetical Sunday and Backpack Blessing:** Will take place at the 9:30am Mass on 9/15/19.
- **October 10, 2019 Parish Council meeting:** Will be an Open Meeting to discuss the Stewardship Report. This report will also be included in the Parish Bulletin for October 5/6 for parishioners' information and review.
- **Parish Youth Information Survey:** Josh Barnes explained the proposal to begin engaging the Parish youth with the assistance of Agnes Bross in the Religious Ed PREP Program. There was discussion and questions from the audience. Suggestions were given for addition of questions for the proposed survey. A motion was made to accept this proposal by Tim O'Shea and seconded by Elizabeth Crowley.
- **Bishop McHugh Summer Masses:** Father Pete will begin a search for retired priests in the area in order to resume Summer masses in 2020.
- **RCIA:** Begins 9/24/19
- **Anointing Mass:** Sponsored by the Parish Nurses will be October 6, at 2pm
- **All Souls Day Mass:** Will be during the November 2, 4pm Mass this year
- **AC Nuns Retreat:** December 7, 10am-2pm. More information to follow.
- **Open Meeting with Discernment:** Chris George was acknowledged for his input and insight this year as he has graduated high school and is continuing his life journey. The *open meeting with discernment* for those wishing to become members commenced with the Council welcoming back Jacquie Olansen and new member Nick Chiccarine.

Action Items:

- **Missionary disciples:** All
- **Community gathering:** Jose/All
- **Photo of Ministries:** Tim O'Shea/staff
- **Railing at St. Casimir:** Father Pete
- **Parish Youth Informational Survey:** Josh Barnes/Mary Grace Jamison

Next Meeting: OPEN MEETING, Thursday, October 10 @ 7p.m.

Prayer: Anita McMahon

Refreshments: Jose Santiago

Final Prayer: Father Pete