



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Sister Connie Trainor, Josh Barnes, Georgette Costello, Nick Chiccarine, Elizabeth Crowley, Mary Grace Jamison, Anita McMahon, Jacquie Olansen, Tim O'Shea, Jose Santiago, Ab Valesse, Bill Zipparo

Guest: Ann Dunphy

Opening Prayer: Bill Zipparo

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Anita McMahon made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting and Elizabeth Crowley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

Old Business:

Capital Campaign for the Parish/Community Center: A TCO was issued for using Immaculata Hall; the end of January is the target for the offices to be relocated. Helen Schroeder oversees marketing and scheduling use of the building. For Super Bowl Sunday, the Knights of Columbus are planning a community gathering. It was suggested that an AED be installed in the Hall and training be provided.

Windows: The new stained-glass windows are beautiful. At all the Masses this weekend Father Pete will describe the events that coincide with the depictions on the windows.

Parish Youth Survey: Josh, Mary Grace and Nick presented the Council with a detailed explanation of the survey questions, responses and suggestions for reviving the youth involvement in our parish community. These three council members will meet with Agnes Bross and Father Pete to explore the findings and how to implement some of the suggestions. It was noted throughout the discussion that the catechists are well received by the students and have done an excellent job in preparing them to be more fully involved in the community.

Feast of the Epiphany: Sister Connie Trainor described the celebration of the Three Kings at the bilingual Mass celebrated at St. Casimir on January 5. The singing of the young children during Mass was beautiful to hear. After Mass, the traditional bread was served in which several tiny replicas of the baby Jesus are found. By tradition, those obtaining them are to cook for the masses on The Presentation of the Lord Sunday. Also, children receive gifts from the Three Kings

representing the gifts brought to the Baby Jesus. It was recommended that this become an annual event.

Speakers: It was suggested that we now revisit the idea of bringing speakers, music groups, etc. for community get togethers in Immaculata Hall.

Acknowledgement: The Council acknowledged the exhaustive work for the Feed the Needy Program and the Christmas Covenant House that was a primary function of Jim Kelly who passed away in December.

Advent Mission: A Mass, followed by dinner in Immaculata Hall, will be held on January 15th to culminate the Mission of Advent. All those who participated in the Mission are invited to attend.

Parish Ministries: Father Pete has been collecting photographs and information about each of the ministries. Elizabeth Crowley and Jacquie Olansen will meet to formulate a type of ministry fair for all parishioners to attend.

New Business:

Lenten Mission: Donna Britt will be leading the Mission, the Return of the Prodigal Son. It is hoped that the format be the same as the Advent Mission.

Children's Church Nursery: A suggestion for a church nursery during the masses was presented. After much discussion, it was decided to speak with Agnes Bross to obtain information regarding one presently in place. This is different from the Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30 Mass.

Life and Justice Ministry: Sister Connie explained the formation of a new ministry which she is chairing. The purpose is to educate, especially through charitable works, the need to assist those who are on the margins. Matt Davis from Diocese has been invited to speak to all.

Gift Cards: Jacquie Olansen talked about the need to make the community more aware of the purchasing of gift cards. She suggested that each buyer have their name placed in a bucket for a drawing for a \$25 gift card of their choice. The council agreed unanimously. Jacquie will also speak with Barbara Herr to see if there is anyway to streamline the purchasing.

Information:

Catholic Schools Week – January 26

Confirmation Retreat – January 26

Blood Drive – January 27

Ski Trip – February 1

Super Bowl Get together – February 2

Lent begins Ash Wednesday – February 26

St. Casimir Feast Day – March 4

Ecumenical Soup Dinner at COTR – March 4

Easter – April 12

Parish Website/App

Action Items:

- Missionary disciples: All
- Photo of Ministries: Tim O’Shea/staff
- Railing at St. Casimir: Father Pete
- Survey of Youth: Josh Barnes/Mary Grace Jamison/Nick Chiccarine
- Welcoming Packet: Georgette Costello
- Photos and Blurbs of various ministries: Father Pete
- Ministry Fair – Elizabeth Crowley/Jacque Olansen
- Gift Cards – Jacque Olansen

Final Thoughts: Really pleased with the future of parish youth; thank you for being open about our survey; excellent presentation; please pray for the youth of the parish; pray for the people of Puerto Rico; wonderful work all last year; one of the most productive meetings; very excited about the parish center.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2020 @ 7p.m

Prayer: Jacque Olansen

Refreshments: Nick Chiccarine/Mary Grace Jamison/Josh Barnes

Final Prayer: Father Pete