



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2020

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

Opening Prayer: Jacquie Olansen

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Tim O'Shea made a motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting and Ab Valesse seconded the motion. After correcting Josh's name, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Parish/Community Center: There have been a lot of requests for use of Immaculata Hall. Discussions are underway for what the rental fees will be for various functions. Still behind the scenes work to be done; however, progress is ongoing.

Parish Youth Survey: Mary Grace Jamison, Nick Chiccarine and Josh Barnes met with Agnes Bross to discuss the proposed changes and interpretations of the findings. It was suggested that the three meet again with Father Pete and Agnes Bross to find ways to implement some of the suggestions next year while keeping the sacramental prep. There was discussion about Coastal Christian and their activities for the youth that might provide ideas of how to go forward.

Speakers: It was suggested that we now revisit the idea of bringing speakers, music groups, etc. for community get togethers in Immaculata Hall. Right of Hope was one suggestion as well as a Gospel Group and the Cooking Priest (ideas from the Women's Auxiliary) and others.

Parish Ministries: Jacquie Olansen stated that the various ministries have been invited to attend the Ministry Fair on April 23 from 6-8pm in Immaculata Hall. All but two ministry groups responded very enthusiastically. Pizza will be served. It was suggested that the Parish Council attend and provide desserts for the affair.

St. Casimir Feast Day: The Feast Day celebration for St. Casimir will be held at the morning Masses on March 4.

Lenten Mission: The book, the “Return of the Prodigal Son” by Henri J.M. Nouwen will be the basis for the Lenten Mission. The format will remain the same as the Advent Mission with small groups in parishioners’ homes. Group leaders will provide insight at each of the Masses this weekend.

Children’s Church Nursery: Father Pete will speak to Agnes Bross to ascertain information about a children’s nursery.

Life and Justice Ministry: Sister Connie provided the members with “The Two Feet of Love” showing the need for both Social Justice and Charitable Works. She stated that St. Maximilian Kolbe parish is doing much in the charitable works area; now we need to get to the “root of the problem”, an understanding of Catholic social justice. Matt Davis from the Diocese attended the last meeting for the Life and Justice ministry and is willing to come back to provide training in various areas. **Hosting Family:** On February 22, there will be a small gathering of individuals to welcome a family from Africa who are members of the Camden Diocese. It was suggested that anyone fluent in French be in attendance as the family speaks only French.

Gift Cards: Father Pete is tasked with reviewing documentation for the proposal for a drawing of a monthly \$25 gift card to encourage participation in the parish’s scrip program.

FaithFull: Jacquie Olansen stated that March 22 is the Diocesan food drive. As we have two local food pantries, all food collected stays at our Parish. She also stated that the Cereal Bowl Drive was again very fruitful with over 300 boxes of cereal being donated.

New Business:

Life Touch Ministry: It was suggested that a pictorial family directory be created. More research needs to be done to determine the how, when, where, etc.

Alarms: Jose Santiago stated that anyone calling 911 should be provided with the building that needs the services. With many buildings on both campuses, first responders should be able to distinguish which building to enter if an alarm is triggered.

Mass Schedule: Father Pete will speak with the Hispanic and English-speaking communities of St. Casimir to determine the possibility of a combined Mass schedule as there is no longer a Spanish-speaking priest available.

AED: The Nursing Ministry will be providing training as soon as the device, which has been ordered, is in place.

Welcoming Packets: The Welcoming Team is working on the packets which should be available by Easter.

Solar: Father Pete is in discussion with companies to provide solar power to Immaculata Hall. This is suggested to be fiscally prudent as well as environmentally responsible.

Information:

Lent begins Ash Wednesday – February 26

Stations of the Cross – St. Casimir – 6:00 p.m.; Stations of the Cross – COTR – 7:00 p.m.

Penance Service – March 24 – 7:00 p.m. COTR

Ministerium Soup Dinner - March 4 – 6:00 p.m. – Immaculata Hall

FaithFull – March 22

Seder Dinner – April 1 – 6:00 p.m.- Immaculata Hall

Good Friday Fish Fry – April 10

Easter Sunrise Service – Strathmere

Ministry Fair – April 23 – 6:00 – Immaculata Hall

Feast Day – August 14 – Strathmere???

Parish Website/App

Action Items:

- Missionary disciples: All
- Railing at St. Casimir: Father Pete
- Survey of Youth: Jose Barnes/Mary Grace Jamison/Nick Chiccarine
- Welcoming Packet: Georgette Costello
- Ministry Fair – Elizabeth Crowley/Jacquie Olansen
- Gift Cards – Jacquie Olansen
- Children’s church Nursery – Father Pete
- Life Touch Ministry – Father Pete
- AED – Nurses ministry
- FaithFull -Jacquie Olansen
- Solar – Father Pete

Final Thoughts: Super excited for solar, thank you, brought chips and salsa, so much going on, enthusiastic, beautiful prayer, thank you all, beautiful building, need ground cover, very informative, going in the right direction, keep working hard, thanks to God, lots of initiatives being taken, appreciate your support, thank you to the three students for their insight.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2020 @ 7p.m

Prayer: Georgette Costello

Refreshments: Ab Valese

Final Prayer: **Father Pete**