



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 11, 2020

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

Opening Prayer: Bill Zipparo

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Tim O'Shea made a motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting and Sister Connie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Parish/Community Center: Pledges are being paid. Events in the parish center are beginning, fulfilling all social distancing protocol.

Parish Ministries: Jacquie Olansen stated that the various ministries were very receptive to having a Ministry Fair. Under the present-day limitations, we hope that we may be able to address this again in the September/October time frame. Elizabeth Crowley suggested that there be some dialogue in the bulletin and/or on the website letting parishioners know what is going on within the ministries; thus, giving hope that we are returning to a more "normal" time.

Life and Justice Ministry: Sister Connie and Elizabeth Crowley stated there will be a meeting for Catholic Relief Services to assist in becoming regional coordinators. The focus is the global welfare of children. This is meant as a way for advocating for change. It was suggested that information be provided on how to vote responsibly as a Catholic.

Gift Cards: The only sales for gift cards are through the office. Due to the pandemic, there will be no sales after Masses.

Life Touch Ministry: Due to the pandemic, this has been put on hold; however, the parish does have a proposal from a company for proceeding with this.

Solar: After much discussion about the use of solar power for Immaculata Hall, the council unanimously suggested the Father Pete pursue with Diocesan Offices, permission to undertake this

project. Father Pete will have proposals from the contractor for the next Parish Council meeting so that we may be able to determine which is the best way to go with the solar.

New Business:

Reopening of the Church: Only 50 people, not 100 as originally thought, are allowed to attend each Mass following the guidelines set out by the Bishop and the Governors' office. It was suggested that there possibly be some electronic use for the readings, responses, etc. during the Mass. Reservations must be made for attending Mass; however, as of today, only the 4:00 is at capacity. Ushers have been trained and all areas used will be sanitized following each Mass.

CoVid: Father Pete asked for any suggestions/ideas to lead our parishioners during this time.

Amazon Smile: Georgette Costello recommended that everyone who purchase on Amazon use the Amazon Smile for St. Maximilian Kolbe. It was noted that the word saint is not written out as the funds would go to a different parish.

Open Meeting: There was discussion as to how to hold an open meeting. Suggestions for a Zoom meeting were made. It was also suggested that we wait so that those without technological expertise could be part of the meeting. The council will hold an open meeting in September which is also a time for the *discernment* of new members.

Feast Day: The date is August 14 and plans are moving ahead; however, there is no certainty that we will be able to have a celebration. The Raffle must be drawn at Strathmere as that is the location printed on the tickets. The first week of sales for the raffle tickets was the best ever.

First Communion: First Communion has been scheduled for the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays in September at 9:30.

Trinity Garden: Jacquie stated that she has not heard from Trinity Methodist since early March, just before CoVid, when they had planned to start their garden. She stated that each year, Trinity donates approximately 1000 pounds of fresh produce to the food pantry.

Memorial Wall: Production of the wall was halted due to pandemic protocols.

Bishop Sullivan: The Bishop has requested a time to come to St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish and consecrate Immaculata Hall.

Final Thoughts:

Thank you to John Olansen for the new altar, bishop's chair, tabernacle stand, ambo, and credence table. The church looks beautiful.

Thank you to Susan Phillips and Agnes Bross for the gifts for the Confirmandis and for the high school graduates. The question arose as to whether we could purchase the face masks that were part of the gift packages.

Josh Barnes wanted to thank the Parish for the gifts received and the wonderful comments both he and Mary Grace have received. Josh will be going to Boston College and Mary Grace to Stockton.

Information:

Feast Day – August 14 – Strathmere???

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
- Solar – Father Pete

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2020 @ 7p.m

Prayer: Georgette Costello

Refreshments: Tim O’Shea

Final Prayer: Father Pete