



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2020

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

Opening Prayer: Georgette Costello

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Ab Vallese made a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting and Sister Connie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Guest Presenter: Agnes Bross provided the council with information regarding the Religious Education Program, Rise Against Hunger and the Youth Leadership Survey.

Due to the pandemic, Vacation Bible School was cancelled. However, Agnes is providing Zoom stay at home meetings each morning for the month of July with a variety of activities to those children who wish to participate.

Rise Against Hunger has provided a special format during this time to continue the process of allowing volunteers to package meals for the hungry worldwide. A date has not been set.

Until there is more information regarding school openings, the information from the youth survey cannot be implemented; however, it will be revisited.

Anita McMahon stated that Bishop McHugh will open for full time classes in the fall.

Thank you, Agnes, for the presentation and all you do for our youth.

Life and Justice Ministry: Sister Connie provided information regarding the training for Advocacy work within the Diocese. Several members from the Parish have been attending. Matt Davis, Director of Social Justice Office for the Diocese, will be facilitating a live-streamed "town hall" forum discussing Faithful and Civil citizenship in the September/October time frame. The intent is to provide information on enabling our Faith to inform our voting decisions. Sister provided us with handouts on this matter.

Open Meeting: The council will hold an open meeting in September which is also a time for the **discernment** of new members. Those members leaving are Anita McMahon, Georgette Costello, and Tim O'Shea. All were thanked for their service to the council and encouraged to reapply if they so desired.

Feast Day: The date is August 14 and plans are moving ahead; however, there is no certainty that the celebration, which will consist of Mass, boxed food, and the raffle, will be able to go ahead as planned.

Trinity Garden: Jacquie stated that Trinity Methodist has begun to provide the food pantry with fresh vegetables for our clients. She stated that each year, Trinity donates approximately 1000 pounds of fresh produce to the food pantry.

Memorial Wall: Production of the wall, which was halted due to pandemic protocols, should begin production next week.

Solar: Father Pete provided members with two solar panels proposals for our review so that we may discuss it at our next meeting

Final Thoughts: A lot of important information; I brought cookies; thank you everyone; it's been a pleasure being on the council; thank you for having me; thank you for allowing us to speak up and give our opinion; glad you accepted me; thank you Georgette, Tim, Anita, Josh and Mary Grace for participating, young priests in Cape May County; exciting time.

Information:

Feast Day – August 14 – Strathmere???

Special Mass for those individuals becoming full members of the Catholic Church – Saturday, August 15 at 4:00

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
- Life Touch Ministry – Father Pete
- AED – Nurses ministry
- Solar – Father Pete

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2020 @ 7p.m. **Discernment meeting**

Prayer: Ab Vallese

Refreshments:

Final Prayer: Father Pete