



## Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Thursday, November 12, 2020

**Members in Attendance:** Father Peter Joyce, Sister Connie Trainor, Linda Bamberger, Elizabeth Crowley, Nick Chiccarine, Nadine Dempsey, Nick George, Jacquie Olansen, Regina Ralston, Marissa Sampson, Ab Vallese, Bill Zipparo

**Opening Prayer:** Sister Connie

**Pastoral Council Facilitator:** Father Pete followed by Bill Zipparo

Father Pete opened the meeting with welcoming our newest members – Linda Bamberger, Regina Ralston and Nadine Dempsey and our new student members – Nick George and Marissa Sampson.

A request was made for nominations for the pastoral council facilitator. Bill Zipparo stated he would be pleased to remain as facilitator. The vote for was unanimous. Bill then asked for nominations for the recording secretary. Jacquie Olansen was nominated and the vote was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ab Vallese made a motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting and Regina Ralston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Open Meeting:** Bill Zipparo welcomed all those attending the open meeting and welcoming our new members.

### Old Business:

- **Life and Justice Ministry:** Sister Connie described how the Ministry is helping immigrants, working with Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services. She stated that there will be a press release reminding parishioners about the Life and Justice Ministry.
- **Solar:** Father Pete is hoping to be on the next agenda to make a presentation to the Diocese to obtain permission to move ahead with the solar. The idea of solar is both fiscally and environmentally sound at a cost of \$87,000 with a break even point of seven (7) years.
- **Memorial Wall:** The Memorial Wall is under construction with final approval having been given to the company. Once the wall is in place, the Bishop will be asked to consecrate the building.
- **Covid Protocol:** The same protocol is still in place; however, with the rise of cases, the Diocese is anticipating more restrictions. Three new cameras will be added to enhance and produce state-of-the-art life streaming. Father Pete stated there is a need for more ushers at the Church of the Resurrection, while St. Casimir appears to be doing quite well. There was discussion about the need for additional training and putting more information out to the parishioners.

### New Business:

- **Tricia Ciliberto Parish Outreach for Advent:** The Convocation Team is planning an outreach for active parishioners during Advent. Volunteers are being asked to call members on the Active Parishioner List to see how they are doing; do they need anything and to provide them with the Christmas Mass schedule. Members of MOSAIC and the Women's Auxiliary have been contacted to obtain volunteers.

- **Susan Phillips; Youth and Young Adults:** Susan, an enthusiastic volunteer, is setting up a program for the youth and young adults. She will be invited to present to the council at the next meeting.
- **Parish Senior Ministry:** Jacquie Olansen explained that since so many voiced a need for working with the seniors, she obtained information from Vitality and Anne Marie Perillo as to how to start such a ministry at St. Maximilian. After discussing the ideas for the ministry, it was suggested that we delay moving ahead until the spring to be sure that all information is in place and that those we want to reach will be able to venture out as many are remaining at home due to COVID.
- **Stewardship Report:** The Financial Report and Stewardship Report were available for all those attending the meeting. It was stated that of the \$1,985,000 pledged or gifted for Immaculata Hall, only \$217,000 remains to be collected. As for Revenue for the parish, it has decreased by \$61,000 to date from last year with the churches not being open and limits on those attending Mass.

***Information:***

- ***Thanksgiving Meals:*** Church of the Resurrection - November 24<sup>th</sup> and St. Casimir – November 23, 24, 25<sup>th</sup>
- ***Advent:*** November 28
- ***Blood Drive:*** November 30
- ***Bambinelli Sunday:*** December 13 at the 8:00, 9:30; and 11:00 Masses. The format will be the same as the May Crowning with driving by to have the Baby Jesus blessed.
- ***Advent Penance Service:*** December 15 at 7:00p.m.
- ***Feed the Needy:*** December 19<sup>th</sup> to deliver food and toys; preparation the week before in Immaculata Hall.
- ***Christmas Mass Schedule:*** To be announced. No choir. Just solo musicians.

***Final Thoughts:*** Very informative; good; excited but frustrating with COVID; glad to see new faces; no question; I'm good; glad I'm here; congrats to the new members; surprised at how well the parish is doing..

***Action Items:***

***Next Meeting:*** Thursday, January 14, 2021 @ 7p.m. Consider possibility of Zoom meeting.

***Prayer:*** Linda Bamberger

Father Pete read a thank you from Bill Zipparo for the Mass card for his brother, Nick.

***Final Prayer: Father Pete***