

St. Maximilian Kolbe Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
4 December 2013

Attendance:

- Maribeth Gieske – Presider
- Jim Kelczweski
- Barb Klinkhammer
- Eric Saddler
- Darrel Maddox
- Chuck Michael
- Helen Mond
- Debbie Sander
- Kurt Zink
- Erich Krammer
- Julia Miller
- Patricia Harkins

Notable Others:

- Fr. Geoff Drew – Pastor
- Fr. Jim Romanello – Parochial Vicar
- Rich Tereba – Finance Council
- Chris Kline – Acting Secretary
- Jim Linde – Outreach
- John Pucke – Evangelization & Catechesis
- Scott Teets – Parish Life & Stewardship
- Mary Green – Worship
- Lakme Kodros – Parish Staff

Reflection:

Considered implications of Chapter 2 of 'The New Evangelization' book.

Pending Items:

- November minutes are approved and to be posted.
- Internal web site, PC members should work with Angie to get access and figure out login process.
- Unified by-laws – being worked by Holly Saddler.
- Sign-up is passed around for adoration schedule.
- Ministry Leadership – deferred.

- Finance Committee is considering refinancing debt service. Reviewed two local banking institutions. Recommending Union Savings Banks with a 3 yr ARM @ 2 7/8%. Estimated full term benefit not to exceed \$20,000. Two abstentions (Julia Miller and Debbie Sander. Motion approved.
- Reviewed date options for parish picnic. Considering parish founding, 7/6 or St. Max feast day. Assessing long term pattern. PC members should email MariBeth their recommendations. Should include location: church or Niederman.
- Reviewing options for volunteer appreciation. Acting recording secretary only true PC volunteer. Committees have more volunteers. Each committee is reviewing options.
- Ministry of the Week – assessing possibility. Would have hosted snacks weekly, highlighting ministries. Cost impact, but may be strategic investment. PC members should send MariBeth feedback.
- Considering use of prayer partners to streamline cross-ministry/ staff, etc. Send feedback to MariBeth.
- Catholic Schools Committee – appears to be parish interest. May be fit for Evangelism/ Catechesis. Christy Burke possible moderator. Fr. Geoff to reach out to appropriate individuals.
- Church Booklet – Considering component of welcome packet that will include expectations of parishioners. Could be tool for new families. Will consider leveraging Catholic Stewardship Consultants.
- Christmas Party – Scheduled for January 4th at Gieske abode.
- AHG fund raising request was approved unanimously.

Council/ Commission Updates:

- Finance Council
 - November collections were pretty good, per Lakme.
- Worship Commission
 - For a Volunteer recognition - open house type social at St. Max - maybe ice cream, hot dogs, popcorn - a few easy food items and to allow for socializing. With all the volunteers, may need to break into quadrants so it could be held in the gym. We also felt a letter from the pastor or ministry leader was a nice way to show appreciation.
 - Parish Picnic date -- July 6.
 - Ministry of the Week -- WC is fine with the proposal. Only concerns are making sure the signage in the gathering space is big enough and that any verbal pitches do not make announcements too lengthy - try to streamline as appropriate and able with activities the ministry already has planned. An additional idea -- highlight a few ministries on Welcome Weekend.
- Outreach Commission
 - Picnic date recommended around the Feast of St Max - August at

- Neiderman Farms. Should have an Outreach component to it.
- Volunteer recognition - A dinner would be nice at Valley Vineyards or other or Thank you notes
- Ministry of the Week - Believe tha PC should do a needs assessment of the Gathering Space so that it is known who uses and wants to use that space and when. Maribeth will put this on PC agenda for next month.
- Parish Life/ Stewardship Commission
 - Good turnout at Chili Cook off. Raised money for St. Rafael.
 - Working with CSC on possible parishioner survey. Many details, such as timing, content and distribution are to be worked out.
 - Campus vision: curious about kitchen appliances.
 - Concerned about picnic date.
 - Planning volunteer recognition: possibly a steak dinner at St Max.
 - Likes the Ministry of the Week idea.
- Evangelization/ Catechesis Commission
 - Not reviewing Gospel, but reviewed an evangelization you tube video for reflection.
 - Considering options for E/C Catholics and better engage them, possibly with Pope Francis literature. Candy canes, for kids. Possibly gentle engagement, for Easter.
 - Considering family life ministry
 - Considering Valley Vineyards dinner for volunteer appreciation.
 - Likes Ministry of the Week idea.

Sub-committee Updates

- Campus Plan Committee
 - Focused on Maintenance, Remodeling/Repair, and New Construction.
 - Financially constrained.
- Leadership Renewal Committee
 - Start Jan/ Feb timeframe.
- Path Update
 - Path Update is finished. Maribeth passed out explanation to go along with scorecard and will send to Angie to go on website before the end of this month.
- Fundraising Policy for Hosted Events
 - Sending to commissions for consideration/ feedback. Maribeth to distribute accordingly.
- Gym Floor
 - Floor is aging, committee is recommending we moving forward. PC wants money in hand. Fr. Geoff believes it's time to move forward. Will be multi-purpose. Asking for PC approval, then will request approval from Archdiocese.

- Gym will be unavailable for a good part of the summer.
 - Unanimous consent from PC to approve moving forward with the new gym floor.
- Communications Coordinator Search Committee – Angie Elsass will be leaving at the end of the school year. Will be seeking replacement.

Pastor's Report

- Appreciate volume of collections – November was a good month. Excellent.