

06-Nov-2013 St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Parish Council Notes (taken by Erich Krammer)

Attendees (need help ☺)

Hans Schade (Worship Commission)
Fr. Geoffrey Drew
Fr. Jim Romanello
Jim Linde (Outreach Commission)
Jackie (Stewardship Commission)
Patti
Eric Saddler
Debbie
Rich Tereba (Finance Council)
Erich Krammer
Larry Witsken (Facilities & Maintenance)
Kurt Zink
Darrell
Patti Harkins
Chuck Michael
Maribeth Gieseke
Helen Mond
Jim K.
Barb Klinkhammer
John Pucke (Evangelization & Catechesis)

7:01PM

Opening Prayer & Reading of the Parish Mission Statement

Book "New Evangelization – Passing on the Catholic Faith" Reflection on Chapter 1 – group discussion – centered on the third discussion point – taking the time to listen to the leadings of the Holy Spirit. "Be a bridge to the Lord for others."

7:23PM – Pending Items

October minutes were approved (available online)

Parish PC website is up & running – make sure you get your user id from Angie (angie@saint-max.org) soon (if you don't have one). Goal is to post upcoming PC meeting agenda items online the Monday before the monthly PC meeting.

Unified By-Laws – Holly Saddler volunteered to work on this – much appreciated!

Call to Parishioners – postponed

Adoration – Barb sent around list; she'll call with a weekly reminder

Hand Bells – The thought is to collect the needed funds through separate donations (some folks like named gifts) – Worship Commission should come up with a plan

Communications Coordinator search – 6 people on search committee (stressing the importance of communication to Evangelization); 4 people have applied already

Ministry of the Week – 70+ ministries, will have to double up on some weekends. Considering fellowship at all masses ... maybe we would start every other week. The idea is the Ministry of the Week would sponsor/set-up fellowship, OR perhaps there could be a separate ministry that sets up fellowship each week (rotate volunteers). This is all still in the planning stage. Members should bring back an opinion for each.

Parish Picnic – where? If held at Niederman farms, we'll probably have to cater in (exception granted last time). Possible months – July, August, September (Sept 14th is the 25th anniversary closing). Would like a recommendation by next PC meeting. It seemed there was most enthusiasm about holding it in September; there was a mixed opinion about having it at Niederman farms vs. holding it at St. Max. Members should bring back an opinion for each.

Volunteer appreciation – should we do a steak dinner (we used to do that at Valley Vineyards), nice note, picnic? Gathering thoughts in general – discuss again at future meeting. Perhaps there was a commitment by Stewardship to host/plan this. Members should bring back an opinion for each.

Ministry Leadership covered in Father's notes – will bring up again in future PC meeting.

Facility usage – recent complaint about Bible Study not being able to book rooms (complex overbooked) – some groups don't always show up. Need to work on better scheduling practices going forward. There was some discussion on purchasing sub-dividers for the gym and a computer software program that could help with scheduling. This might also help with room size constraints.

Parking Lot – 2 issues (speed bumps and condition of the truck)

- (1) 2 years ago, the Facilities Committee determined speed bumps were needed. Larry gave out an informative sheet on the how and why behind the speed bumps – it's all about pedestrian safety and protection of church property. The speed bumps are the minimal impact type and most practical for the facilities team. They were only recently installed as we were waiting for the parking lot pavement updates to be complete. They will be removed soon in preparation for snow plowing, and will be reinstalled in the Spring. Suggestions were to make an announcement(s) in a parish flyer, bulletin,

signs etc. telling parishioners the how/why behind the speed bumps, thinking that will help with understanding & buy-in.

- (2) Our truck, used for snowplowing, is out of commission (motor). Larry presented several options – PC voted and it was unanimous to go with the first option (fully remanufactured motor). Initial indications are that the funds can be provided outside of the emergency funds.

8:25 Break

8:35 Resume

Finance Council – Yearly summary report given; switchover to the new system complicated things a bit. PC was very appreciate of the work and effort that went into the finance report. A Union Savings representative is visiting soon to pitch a lower interest rate loan (for the church).

Worship Commission – Liturgical Ministers Day of Renewal went well; there were 80 to 85 attendees. The post event survey had 60 respondents – interesting because 40 of them were not in attendance! WC is thinking about what it wants to do next year for Day of Renewal. At the Day of Renewal, WC re-iterated the dress code – will provide hand-outs and reminders by email. Finally, an ad-hoc committee has been formed to look @ By-Laws – finalized version will by to Holly Saddler.

Outreach Commission – (1) Supports the “Seton Engaged” Concept (hand-out of potential sample expectations), (2) Likes the potential to connect with the Faith Alliance (there may already be some connections – one of the members likes to cook, and perhaps this would bear fruit), (3) Lisa Shaffer will fill the missing chair (now full)

... OC is currently in discussions jointly with Worship Commission regarding the Ministry of the Week; and that we will discuss the Parish Picnic, Volunteer Appreciation, and Ministry Leadership at our November 18 meeting and report back to PC next month.

Parish Life & Stewardship – (1) Chili cook-off went well, (2) Volunteer recognition – Stewardship would like to host it

Evangelization & Catechesis – will be having a Pre-Christmas gathering

Path Scorecard - 6.7.3 is ongoing; 6.9.4 there is interest – need someone (from schools) to head. Will publish the updated scorecard on the Parish website once a few more clean-ups are complete. It was suggested that a brief paragraph should be published on the website with the updated scorecard explaining the update, purpose, etc.

Fundraising & Scheduling Forms (Chuck) – approved as reviewed by PC – Father Geoff will pass both forms by Staff to make sure we haven't overlooked anything. A comment was made that we don't generally open up the facility to non-Parishioners for room scheduling purposes – will likely keep that as policy (insurance purposes etc.).

9:10 PM – Path Incident Discussion

An incident occurred in the St. Max gathering space by a Staff member to a fellow parishioner that appeared to be non-welcoming. We reinforced that our Parish is getting more welcoming – but certainly more work needs to be done, by all of us. Father Geoff assured us that it will/is being addressed in an appropriate manner.

One suggestion was to have the office open during mass times, perhaps lunch time and/or Saturday mornings. Another suggestion was to investigate if there is something like “Customer Service Training” in the archdiocese. Sister Ellen Doyle is coming next year, which should help us all grow in the Spirit.

Brief Discussion on Father Geoff's Notes

VIRTUS training – the archdiocese hasn't “kicked folks out” yet (after missing say 3 months of online follow-up brief sessions), but will start something soon. With the new background check system coming in, we will not have to redo anything (initially).

Father Geoff thanked everyone for being there – 100% commission attendance!

Closing prayer ... concluded 9:40 PM.

Post meeting during clean-up, Erich Krammer volunteered to help Chuck and Maribeth with the PATH updates (they were looking for a “first year”).