

# St. Maximilian Kolbe Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

## October 7, 2009

**Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance** –

Dale Bottoms, Ann Brinkmann, Christy Burke (Recorder), Pat Davenport, Rev. Geoff Drew, Lori Falke, Hope Frost, Janet Hazlebeck, Tom Kanoza, Rev. Tom McCarthy, Michelle Meyer, Jackie Pham, Scott Stauber, Tim Wieck.

Absent: Brad Johnson.

**Opening Prayer, Gospel Reflection** –Fr. Geoff led us in an opening prayer. Hope read the Sunday Gospel and led the discussion.

**Corrections to September Minutes -**

Minutes were approved as amended by a motion from Dale, seconded by Tom.

**Pastor's Report** –

- CRHP – Men's weekend will continue as scheduled. The women's weekend has been postponed.
- A CRHP reunion mass will be held in January. Will discern a restructured continuation committee at that time.
- Fr. Geoff has had about 20 neighborhood meetings. Process: Fr. summarizes the comments from each meeting. These are made available to the attendees of each meeting, as well as to the staff. Staff has an opportunity to clarify any comments received from the meeting. A parishioner is summarizing and categorizing the comments and noting those that are reoccurring. That report will be distributed to the parish in January. In May, Fr. will invite the attendees to evaluate what the parish has done or plans to do to address the needs from the meetings. This provides accountability.
- Fall spiritual renewal for PC – would like a Franciscan to lead this. Maximillian Kolbe had 4 devotions: to Franciscan spirituality, devotion blessed mother, martyr of charity, of Japan...should fit into formula. Should we still have a retreat? Or should we have a fellowship event.
- Talked with a few individuals who put on parish missions. Wants to invite a Fr. for a parish mission in 2012.
- Fr. Charlie Smiech mission. October 9-14 ---all parish activities will be at the mission. Looking to bring a team in to work with teens, children, staff, etc. Basically – a parish mission called Living Life – Following Francis, modeling Maximillian. Would preach all masses on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>. The mission would include sessions, a reconciliation service, and a Mass.
- Internal Sunday calendar being created to spread out events.
- Worship commission – first task is to evaluate the altar bread. Evaluation to include the ease of purifying the vessels. They had a tasting and are recommending that we go to doubly thick round hosts. Does it fit into the vessels we have? We're going to try it and figure it out.
- Fr. has suggested putting up a prayer wall in the entryway to the church for listing people to pray for including first communicants, RCIA, confirmation candidates, and the recently deceased. (This has been completed at the time of minute approval. It has been very tastefully done.)
- Bulletin has been updated.

**Standing Business** –

- Parish Picnic follow up meeting to be held by Brad.
- Ministry contacts
  - o Special needs ministry – first activity – morning of reflection on Saturday. Invited St. John's and St. Susana's. 17 people are already signed up.
  - o Ministry Fair – there was confusion around sign ups at the ministry fair. Where are sign ups? Individuals or time/talent? Enough time/talent forms? How are people notified of those who signed up? How is the ministry fair organized? Info sent the night before?
    - Let's send an e-mail to Lakme about the fair, copy Fr. Geoff
    - PC members - Contact leader – have you received list, have you contacted them
    - Need an established process for sign ups.
    - Need to contact leaders if no one signed up either.

- Is there a timeline upon which things happen? Stewardship commission needs a procedure with a timeline.
  - Janet will contact stewardship to request a procedure for notification of time/talent be included in ministry leader binder. By January meeting – want a procedure in writing for ministry fair along with the timeline for how/when people are contacted.
- Parishioner contacts
  - o Reconciliation preparation – Some are unhappy about the initial parent meeting. It wasn't what some people expected. Also the mandatory retreat does not have any alternative dates. They have asked about exceptions – are not happy with the response. To address, the parents who have issues should contact Colleen or Mary directly. Please copy Fr. Geoff on the e-mail, so he will be aware and included in the response. Michelle will contact Colleen to discuss as well.
  - o Could we promote ethnic diversity by having ethnically diverse visiting priests?
  - o Positive comments about the children's liturgy of the word and that the kids are welcomed at the parish.
  - o Success story for Ministry of Care, Meals on Wheels
- LRAP
  - o A subcommittee of PC for directing the long range plans. Members: Hope, Brad, Lakme, Fr. Geoff, and Scott.
  - o Plan is to review neighborhood meetings results.
- Parish Model / Structure
  - o Tom has begun research and distributed it.
  - o Next step – look at ministry buckets? Establish common ground with deacons/staff/ PC – establish continuity to develop teams.
  - o Tom's willing to put together a presentation, with Janet's help.
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in January – invite staff/ deacons - meet at 6pm for dinner before meeting.
  - o Can PC be the eyes/ears for all people as well as the conduit for all the ministries? Who is ministering to whom? Do we need two organizations?
  - o Review for the next 2 months.

#### **New Business –**

- Welcome to Pat Davenport. He's the new council member who replaced Jon Stratman.
- Ministry Leaders/Liaison list – could it be put online?
- Should PC liaison and Staff liaison be included in the directory? Should both liaisons be talking to each other? Fr. Geoff will begin to take a look at this. Tim will e-mail his current lists to Fr.

#### **Misc discussion –**

Sunday, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – Chili cookoff and Bengals watch.

**Closing Prayer** – Fr. McCarthy led us in a closing prayer.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

**Next Meeting** – Wed Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00, in the conference room.