

St. Maximilian Kolbe Pastoral Council (PC) Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2013

Attendance: Mark Bange (absent), Lisa Brown, Christy Burke, Fr. Geoff Drew, Maribeth Gieseke, Patti Harkins, Jim Kelczweski (absent), Chris Kline, Barbara Klinkhammer (absent), Erich Krammer, Darrell Maddox, Chuck Michael, Julia Miller, Helen Mondy, Eric Saddler, Debbie Sander, Kurt Zink

Pastoral Associates: Jeremy Helmes

Finance Council (FC) and Commission Representatives: Rich Tereba and John Monroe (FC), Jim Linde (Outreach), Jeff Lower (Parish Life & Stewardship), Michelle Mort (Worship)

Pending Items:

- May minutes approved online.
- Lisa will pass on thumb drive for pastoral council's internal website to Maribeth.
- Updates to the Governance model postponed until August. The pastoral associates will review their respective quadrants with commission and ministry leaders, and bring any changes back to PC for approval.
- Sharon Christy is our new Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Catechesis.
- St. Gabe's search committee has not yet identified a new principal.
- PC will again run the "split-the-pot" booth during the parish festival. PC will also have a basket consisting of a St. Francis statue and gift cards to a Christian bookstore.
- There is nothing new to report on unified bylaws. Fr. Geoff has not yet talked with Angie.
- PC member asked if there could be a welcoming booth at the festival. Jeff will take suggestion to Lakmé to bring up to Welcome Ministry.

Council and Commission Updates:

- Finance Council –
 - Parking lot is a major concern. The budget is tight and we need to trust the Lord that parishioners will respond.
 - Tommy Rose from Catholic Stewardship Consultants gave a presentation to commission and council leaders. A FC member had the opportunity to discuss whether St. Max should have a capital campaign. Tommy Rose suggested we let stewardship take hold, as we don't want to confuse the parishioners.
 - Faith Direct will be coming to St. Max in a couple weeks. FC will again ask if another approach other than once a month is feasible.
 - Draft letter for people on Faith Direct to thank them and remind if changed offertory contribution on stewardship card, they need to go in and make change on Faith Direct.
- Worship Commission (WC) – Meeting with Eucharistic Adoration ministry. Perpetual adoration chapel will continue to be open 24 hours/day during the festival.
- Outreach Commission (OC) –
 - Still planning joint meeting with WC.
 - OC is working through their initiatives in *The Path*. One item was developing a roadmap with St. Leo's parish. OC asked about how the initial contact began. St. Leo's is twinning with another parish on west side, so OC needed to better understand St. Max's relationship with this parish. OC has contacted St. Leo's priest and pastoral associates, and a twinning relationship with St. Max sounds like a good fit with the youth groups, St. Vincent DePaul, etc.

- OC came up with 5 quotes for possible posting above gathering space exit doors. The quotes would serve as a message to take out to the world as parishioners leave the church.
- OC had a ministry leader meeting where they discussed developing ministry guidelines.
- Catholic Ministries Appeal will return 50% of the amount collected over and above our goal. St. Max has not seen any monies to date; however, these monies are earmarked for the OC. The OC will then develop guidelines on how these funds are distributed.
- Parish Life&Stewardship Commission (PL&SC)
 - Looking at schedule for mailing stewardship information next year.
 - They are following-up on renewal data with other commissions to insure parishioners wanting to get involved are contacted by the appropriate ministry/organization/activity leader.
- Evangelization/Catechesis Commission – There are no updates right now.

Subcommittee Updates:

- *The Path* – Maribeth, Chuck and a representative from each council/commission still needs to meet to discuss what initiatives have been addressed, what still needs to be done, and what are the future goals.
 - Update *The Path* scorecard
 - Working on adding items that St. Max already does
- Campus Plan Committee
 - In the process of figuring out what the mission will be for this subcommittee (Debbie, Patty, Julia, Chuck, and Jim).
 - Patty is convener. Fr Geoff wants to be part of first meeting to share what has already come up.
- Leadership Renewal Subcommittee
 - Patty looking for comments/recommendations
 - Pam Bange going to bring information from WC to PC
 - One challenge this year was how to contact parishioners with multiple nominations. Members from each commission will get together to address this concern.
- Policy for Fundraising Activities – Chris is rotating off PC, so he will email Maribeth the information already done to date.
- Jeremy gave a short presentation on the **Christ at the Center (CATC) initiative** here at St. Max.
 - The initiative is complimentary to the Stewardship process
 - St. Max formed two task forces-Sacramental Life and Domestic Church to address the two archdiocese CATC initiative components of “Nurturing Eucharistic Communities” and “Nurturing Family Faith.”
 - The task forces agree to follow John Kotter’s 8-step model for institutional change.
 - The next step forward is to have brainstorming sessions with the task forces, councils and commissions to develop a vision for our parish with Christ at the center.

Budget: There was a discussion of the proposed budget.

Motion: To approve the 2013-2014 budget as presented by the FC (LB, PH) 5-3-1

Motion passes with recommendation to move forward with a lack of consensus.

Pastor’s Report:

- Again this year, Fr. Geoff will interview candidates/family for confirmation and first communion. The Sunday bulletin will have information on how families can get the packets, as they will not be mailed out to everyone this year.

- The committee for the new floor in the parish life center will meet in the next few weeks. Fr. Geoff has selected John Tenhunfeld to chair the committee. John has a business that cares for floors, but he does not sell flooring.
- The July *Modern Saint* newsletter is a Jubilee issue.
- Parish directory could use more volunteers. Please contact Janice Armstrong if you can assist.

Meeting adjourned: 9:27 pm

Next meeting is Wednesday, Aug 7th at 7:15pm in Youth Room