

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
Worship Commission
Minutes of Meeting November 24, 2015

Members Present: Steve Szczap (Chair), Lois Latzy, Paul Von Erden, Michelle Meyer, Steve D. Lutz, Bridget Dreher, Mary Green

Members Absent: Margy Reagan, Dominic Iannarino, Beth Brink, Darlene Lewis, Mike Gardner

Ex Officio Present: Jeremy Helmes (Pastoral Associate) and John Stengel (Recording Sec.)

Ex Officio Absent: Fr. Geoff Drew (Pastor)

Guest: Craig Best

- I. Opening Prayer/Praying for Each Other – Lois opened at 7:06
- II. Formation – “The Church of Mercy” – Chapters 13-17
 - A. Witness to Jesus still occurring today. Lois says it would have been easy to defend Jesus for the early Christians because they knew Jesus.
 - B. Mary just said yes to God. She was pure of heart and said yes not knowing what was to come.
 - C. Consequence of loving Jesus is willingness to give your life. Peter had to go through a lot of ups and downs, but ultimately his faith is what made him strong.
 - D. Faith is a great gift. How did Jesus feel knowing Peter would deny Him, and that Judas would betray Him at the Last Supper?
 - E. Pope Francis calls us to encounter people. The smell of the sheep. Are people being transformed? How can the liturgy be used to transform people? This is a constant challenge for the pastoral leadership team.
 - F. WC challenged to act out of love for the parish and parishioners. We must guard against not acting out of love and not being so consumed by the task that we forget the needs of the people. Must be able to adjust to fulfill the mission. It is not just about x’s and o’s.
 - G. We should be filled with hope and joy and not allow difficulties to overwhelm us. Know in your heart that God is by your side. Pope Francis says that when we go out into the world and messy situations we should know that God is by our side and nothing but good can come of that.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from October 27, 2015.
 - A. Steve motioned to approve with changes. Second Lois.
- IV. Pastoral Associate Report
 - A. Work continues on a presider’s chair and 3 complimentary chairs. We have a donor for the chairs and master craftsmen from our parish are hard at work building the new chairs.
 - B. Craig and Jeremy – Working on challenge to read the Bible more - 1% Challenge.
 - C. Pamphlet handout on Christmas – The best of St Max events. This will be directed at people in our area who may only be coming to Christmas/Easter Mass and not regularly attending Mass. Emphasis on what St Max has to offer and not as much on evangelization back to the Church.
 - D. Suggestion made that maybe it should include the new rules for annulments. May help people not attending because they have remarried.
 - E. Hand bell choir is growing. We need to remove another pew to accommodate. We have already removed one pew. Jeremy asked if anyone thought it would be a problem to remove another pew. No one thought it would be a problem. We are storing the pews for future use.
 - F. New albs are in use and held up well to spilled wine.
- V. Continuing Business/Projects
 - A. Items related to WC from November PC Meeting
 - i. Not much on agenda related to WC
 - B. One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign – Steve
 - i. Consultants in January will do more interviews with a larger group of parishioners to determine goals.
 - ii. Looks like the campaign will kickoff around Easter time.

- iii. PC looking for suggestions for a new name for the parish part of the campaign. Several suggestions were offered:
 1. Next Twenty-Five
 2. Using Twenty-Five in the name builds on our anniversary.
 3. Our next Twenty-Five
 4. One Faith One Hope One Love should be part of the name with a tie in to the parish.
 5. One Faith On Hope One Love - Building on 25 years of welcoming

C. Committee Reports

- i. Eucharistic-Centered Task Force
 1. Fully populated. Jeremy needs to convene the committee.
- ii. Leadership Discernment
 1. After the first of the year
- iii. Campus Plan – Nothing to report
- iv. Adoration Chapel – Nothing to report

D. Lent Preview / Ordinary Time Review

- i. Ordinary Time review
 1. Liturgies of ordinary time
 - a. More Baptisms during Sunday Mass.
 - b. Will be some weddings at 4:30 Mass – it is a community celebration.
 - c. Confirmation at 12:00 Mass happened. Large crowd and a nice blend with Sunday Mass.
 - d. Sacramental pauses are important for individual prayer.
 - e. During Advent there will be longer pauses.
 - f. Liturgy is less science and more art.
- ii. Lent Preview
 1. Looking back at 2015 WC minutes evaluation
 - a. A suggestion was made last year for Jeremy to write a piece for the bulletin concerning the draining of the baptismal font during Lent and the Triduum.
 - b. No radical changes planned for Lent.
 - c. Please let Jeremy know of any ideas for Lent.

E. Liturgical Ministers Appreciation / Ministry Leaders Luncheon

- i. 400 families and 700 volunteers and only \$1,000 budgeted.
- ii. Sarah working on good pictures from this year's Christmas Mass.
- iii. Steve proposing to take some of the money for a ministry leaders luncheon. This would be a way to engage in a dialogue with the ministry leaders and get some of their ideas. Part appreciation and part dialogue.
- iv. Use part of the \$1,000 for the luncheon and let the balance carry over to next year.
- v. Steve will come up with some dates and shop it with leaders. Probably in late January.
- vi. Steve motioned for the luncheon. Second was made by Steve Lutz. Motion was passed.

F. FY2016-17 Budget

- i. WC needs to make specific request to put in the budget.
- ii. Members need to become familiar with the budget process.
- iii. Jeremy invites members to dream and challenges members to stop thinking about not having dollars and space. Dream big for the discussion in January.
- iv. This is for the operating budget for next year.
- v. Also think about some of the little things that need to be done. Maybe just a few thousand dollars.

G. Pew Booklets

- i. What type of worship aid should be provided to assist worshipers?
- ii. Vocation prayer will be put into the trifold.
- iii. Red Books are falling apart and are no longer available.
- iv. Jeremy suggested members of WC and members from other commissions meet just to discuss this issue.
- v. Jeremy prepared five pages of detailed information and asked all members to read and become familiar with this information for a future discussion.

H. Leadership Exercise

- i. Four of the nine eligible members for vice chair in attendance.
- ii. Responsibilities
 1. Overall leadership.
 2. Participating in setting the agenda.
 3. Chair & Vice Chair – 4 times a year attend the leadership roundtable.
 4. Being able to answer questions about the WC.
- iii. Steve offered thoughts on his experience
 1. Less work than he anticipated.
 2. He has become more engaged with the workings of the WC.
 3. Since he is not involved in committees, time is not that much more than before he was chair.
- iv. Lois offered her thoughts on her strengths and weaknesses
 1. Strengths
 - a. Retired and has the time.
 - b. Has had experience heading up committees.
 - c. Jeremy feels one of her strengths is that she has been here since the beginning.
 2. Weaknesses
 - a. Travels.
 - b. Not always in good health.
- v. Paul says that time is difficult with job and children
 1. Asks if job has a lot of clerical duties.
 - a. Jeremy and Steve both agree that the role is to provide planning and vision for the commission more than clerical duties.
- vi. Steve offered that the number one qualification is love of the liturgy here at St Max and that we have a strong foundation on which to build.
- vii. Jeremy stated that he and Fr. Geoff rely on the commission for advice.
- viii. Steve discussed the accomplishments of the WC over the last few years and how gratifying it is to be a part of this commission.
- ix. Lois graciously volunteered to step forward and be vice-chair unless someone else has an objection.

VI. New Business

A. Christmas Party Planning

- i. Jan 2 and Jan 16 as possible dates.
- ii. Members and spouses, ministry leaders, clergy invited.
- iii. Steve will send out an email with details.

VII. Jeremy suggested that everyone reflect on the Mass during Advent and Christmas and take some notes afterward to reflect on, so that everyone can evaluate Advent and Christmas.

VIII. Closing Prayer led by Lois

A. Meeting adjourned 9:14

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stengel, *Ex Officio* (Secretary)