

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish  
Worship Commission  
Minutes of Meeting January 26, 2016

**Members Present:** Steve Szczap (Chair), Lois Latzy, Paul Von Erden, Michelle Meyer, Steve D. Lutz, Bridget Dreher, Beth Brink, Darlene Lewis, Mike Gardner

**Members Absent:** , Mary Green, Margy Reagan, Dominic Iannarino

**Ex Officio Present:** Fr. Geoff Drew (Pastor), Jeremy Helmes (Pastoral Associate), John Stengel (Recording Sec.)

**Ex Officio Absent:**

- I. Opening Prayer/Praying for Each Other – Paul opened at 7:02 PM
- II. Formation – “The Church of Mercy” – Chapters 18-21
  - A. Because God dwells within us we need to go out and spread His word.
  - B. The Son of God offers himself to us. He puts His Body and Blood into our hands so as to be with us always. God came out of Himself to be with us.
  - C. Part of becoming who we are created to be is the coming out and pouring out of self.
  - D. Christ came to serve and not to be served. We must allow Christ to work through us and not to let our own will get in the way.
  - E. Most important thing is to walk together by working together, helping one another and asking for forgiveness.
  - F. Never end the day without making peace.
  - G. The St Max community works well together without a lot of conflict and not carrying grudges. It is one of the many gifts at St Max.
  - H. We have many opportunities to grow throughout our life.
  - I. Jesus adds the value to our brokenness.
  - J. Next Meeting – Chapters 22-24
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from November 24, 2015.
  - A. Approved as written with no corrections.
- IV. Pastoral Associate Report
  - A. Jeremy began a four-year term on the board of directors of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians on January 1, 2016.
  - B. Adoration ministry witness for perpetual adoration during announcements at all Masses during the weekend of Feb 6/7. Adoration team working on some new printed material and plans for ongoing promotion for needed adorers to fill hours of adoration.
  - C. 400-500 people have signed up to take the 1% challenge.
  - D. 1% Challenge coaches are helping people get started by presenting a model for how to get started on prayerfully reading and reflecting on the Bible.
  - E. St Max has subscribed to formed.org for all our parishioners. This is an excellent resource for Lectio Divina, and is free to all parishioners. The formed.org website offers lots of Catholic content in the form of movies, audios, and books.
- V. Continuing Business/Projects
  - A. Items related to WC from January PC Meeting - Mike
    - i. Topic came up concerning the use of TV monitors in the back of church.
      1. Monitors would make it easier to see baptisms and other activities taking place in the back of church.
      2. No immediate plans at this time for this project.
    - ii. Erich Kramer looking for volunteers for the leadership discernment commission.
    - iii. Parishioners are encouraged to use formed.org as a resource.
      1. Parish has purchased a subscription.
  - B. Leadership Roundtable – Lois
    - i. No report
  - C. Committee Reports

- i. Eucharistic-Centered Task Force
  - 1. No report
- ii. Leadership Discernment
  - 1. No report
- iii. Campus Plan
  - 1. Meetings alternate between 4<sup>th</sup> Wed & Thursday. Not much happening at this time.
- iv. Adoration Chapel
  - 1. See item H for report from Fr. Geoff on his meetings with the Archbishop.

#### D. Advent & Christmas Review

- i. All agreed that Advent is done pretty well here at St Max.
- ii. The focus is all about the second coming of Jesus.
- iii. Steve S. pointed out that Advent Lessons and Carols is phenomenal and thinks we should advertise the event to the community at large.
- iv. Singing in German and Latin was very beautiful.
- v. The use of the hymns "Magnificat" and "Jesus, Hope of the World" were both very beautiful.
- vi. Consensus is that our Advent does not feel like Lent. We are doing a good job of celebrating Advent as a special season.
- vii. Flowers and plants during Advent were very nicely done.
- viii. Use of red/white poinsettias on the Altar was very nice during Christmas.
- ix. Use of blue behind the Crucifix and blue trim on vestments as a way to distinguish from the gold on Easter.
- x. Poster area on the wall in the back of church was very nicely done.
- xi. Sound was perfect in church and better this year. Gym had issues with audio during 3:00 PM Mass. The audio/visual system in the gym will be updated as everyone agrees that it is needed.
- xii. The chairs used in the gym are in terrible shape, and the parish may have new chairs by Easter.
- xiii. If we are going to use the gym for Masses we need to update chairs and a/v system.
- xiv. Preaching was very well done. Fr. Ron's homily on the Saturday before Christmas and Fr. Geoff talking about the Eucharist on Christmas were both spot on and challenging.

#### E. Ministry Leaders Luncheon Outcome and Follow-up

- i. It was a successful event in getting ministries around the table and discussing issues.
- ii. Jeremy thanked Steve and Lois for putting together the luncheon.
- iii. We had never done anything like this before.
- iv. A great back and forth between ministry leaders, and everyone learned something about each other's ministry.
- v. Some of the topics included the stewardship renewal form, and the possibility of moving the children's liturgy of the word to the conference room. Lois will put together notes from the luncheon.
- vi. The luncheon was more effective than inviting members to our meetings and we will plan on doing this every year.

#### F. FY2016-17 Budget

- i. \$250 was used for the luncheon and the remaining \$750 of the original \$1,000 for ministry appreciation will not carry forward to next years budget.
- ii. Children's Liturgy of the word may need additional funds for more books.
- iii. No real changes to the budget are needed.
- iv. Mary Ella will be leaving at the end of May. Because of the amount of work she does as part time, a fulltime replacement may be needed to carry the load. This is a specialized position and because worship is the most important thing we do, it should be staffed to meet those needs.
- v. Next month the budget will need to be approved. Jeremy will work on some small changes to the budget.

#### G. Pew Booklets

- i. Jeremy's paper on the question of pew booklets is very helpful and shows the complexity of this issue.
- ii. Lots of discussion on the best way to deal with what is needed.
- iii. Mike suggested going around the table.
  - 1. Mike – Likes the printed information that is now used. Would like to get as much information as possible with the fewest number of documents. Sunday's Word is available in the back of church for the Sunday readings.

2. Bridget – Wants to be able to read along with the readings. Likes the idea of a permanent book in the pews.
3. Darlene – Likes the current form of the worship aid, it simplifies following along. Suggested a prayer based cue card in the rack on the pews.
4. Beth – Draw back to the worship aid is that the readings are not included. She thinks the readings should be available.
5. Paul – Likes the idea of a cue card and the worship aid.
6. Michelle – We are supposed to listen to the Word. Would like to continue using the worship aids, and maybe have a cue card.
7. Lois – Prefers the worship aid.
8. Steve S – We should have a resource that has the order of Mass. A cue card that has the responses and prayers. We do not need a hymnal. It would be nice to have a resource that would have prayers for before and after Mass. Would like to have a resource available for someone who sits down in a pew who has not been here in a while and needs resources.
9. Steve L – Likes the worship aid and also other resources available if someone wants to look at the readings before the start of Mass.
10. This is a good starting point. This conversation will continue in February.
11. What content is needed and what is not necessary? WC members need to think about what is needed as a decision needs to be made soon.

#### H. Adoration Chapel Report – Fr. Geoff

- i. Appointment on December 1, 2015 with Archbishop Schnurr, who decided to hold the meeting at St. Max.
- ii. The Archbishop is okay with the window, but agrees it is awkward not being in the center and suggested a two-sided tabernacle.
- iii. The Archbishop and Fr. Geoff met again on January 19, 2016 and it was decided that the two-sided tabernacle will not work due to possible building code violations.
- iv. The Archbishop then suggested a huge window in the center with a sanctuary lamp. Fr. Geoff thinks the problem with this idea is that it may get lost in the Gethsemane window in the front of church.
- v. Fr. Geoff suggested inviting the Archdiocesan Environment and Arts Committee to take a look and offer their recommendations.
- vi. Mike brought up the idea of a short-term solution. Fr. Geoff does not want to do something that is not leading to the permanent solution, which is to move the tabernacle to a fixed location at the center of the chapel.
- vii. The prominence of the tabernacle is very important and any changes need to make sure that it is in a prominent location.
- viii. Steve asked Mike to coordinate with the Archdiocesan Environment and Arts Committee to come out and take a look. Steve asked Mike to let other members know when this meeting is scheduled.

#### VI. Closing Prayer led by Paul

##### A. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stengel, *Ex Officio* (Secretary)