

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

Members Present: Steve Szczap (Chair), Lois Latzy, Darlene Lewis, Paul Von Erden, Mary Green, Margy Reagan, Beth Brink, Mike Gardner

Members Absent: Dominic Iannarino, Bridget Dreher, Michelle Meyer, Steve D. Lutz

Ex Officio Present: Fr. Geoff Drew (Pastor) and John Stengel (Recording Sec.)

Ex Officio Absent: Jeremy Helmes (Pastoral Associate)

- I. Opening Prayer/Praying for Each Other – Steve opened at 7:30 PM
- II. Formation – “The Church of Mercy” – Chapters 29-32
 - A. Are you your brother’s keeper? – Yes, you are your brother’s keeper.
 - B. The world has gone insane with violence, which stems from selflessness.
 - C. With so much violence in our world we often become numb to the violence.
 - D. During the time of Moses there was unrest - worshipping the golden calf. What is our golden calf? So many things in our world to distract us from God. We can not forget the teachings of the Old Testament.
 - E. We worry about the drop in the stock market, but not about the homeless man in the street. We are in danger of becoming desensitized to so much of human life.
 - F. We must not forget that we are our brother’s keeper. Where is the justice in the world?
 - G. You cannot legislate charity. Pope Francis says that your heart should be to give to the poor.
 - H. There is the appearance that capitalism is built on selflessness. Charity must also be in the mix of capitalism.
 - I. We must take care of our love for our fellow human beings with charity.
 - J. Next Time – Chapters 33-36
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from February 23, 2016 & March 15, 2016.
 - A. Minutes approved for February and March.
- IV. Pastoral Associate Report
 - A. Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on June 19th at 12:00 PM for Father Marc who will be moving on to a new assignment.
 - B. Deacon Tom Reagan will be ordained a priest for the Fathers of Mercy on June 4th, and will preside at our 12:00 PM Mass on June 12th.
 - C. Mary Ella will not be leaving at this time.
 - D. Rite of Marriage was celebrated during the 4:30 PM Mass on April 9th. This was a first for our parish and it was very well received.
 - i. Seating was reserved for 150 people. The couple entered church ahead of Father and marriage ceremony took place after the homily.
 - ii. Rain Praise Band performed for a half hour before and during Mass.
 - iii. Lois was in attendance and said it was very lovely.
 - iv. Everyone in attendance seemed to really enjoy having the ceremony during Mass.
 - E. Father Porter’s 60th anniversary as a priest will be celebrated at the 12:00 PM Mass on May 22nd. In lieu of gifts, Fr. Porter has requested that each of us do some act of mercy and write what we did, along with how it made us feel on a card.
- V. Continuing Business/Projects
 - A. Items related to WC from April PC Meeting
 - i. WC did not have a member present.
 - ii. A lot of discussion about the “Together We Grow Campaign”.
 - iii. Campus Plan Committee suspended due to the “Together We Grow Campaign”.
 - B. Triduum Evaluation
 - i. Window in front of tabernacle was draped with black and was very nicely done.
 - ii. Mass of the Lords Supper was very nice.
 - iii. Good Friday was well attended
 1. The Cross remained up in church during the afternoon for Adoration of the Cross. This gave people the opportunity to stop by if they were unable to attend a service.

2. Recommendation was made to leave booklets out in church for people to use in praying the Stations of the Cross.
 - iv. The consensus among the WC members is that St. Max does the Triduum and Easter very well.
- C. Pew Booklets
- i. Father Geoff joined the WC meeting.
 - ii. Steve recounted the discussion from the last meeting.
 1. Problems of making our own and fitting in the Prayer for Vocations.
 2. There were 8 samples at the March meeting and 2 were selected.
 - iii. Jeremy attended a funeral in Lexington and found another possibility.
 - iv. Magnificat Pew Card
 1. Does not have a label for the Nicene and Apostles Creed.
 2. Fr. Geoff concerned about the durability of this card. It seems to want to tear on the seam.
 3. Ask Jeremy to try to contact a parish using the Magnificat card to see how well it holds up.
 - v. Tri-Fold Pew Card
 1. Fr. Geoff concerned that the size of the card makes them too easy to put inside the worship aid and will get lost.
 - vi. Jeremy's "found" Pew Card
 1. One sheet, double sided and it comes laminated
 2. Mary concerned it is missing some instructions for people not familiar with Mass or people coming back into Church after being away for awhile.
 3. This card is available in Spanish.
 4. Fr. Geoff suggested we get an actual sample of this card since all we have is a copy.
 - vii. Creating our own Pew Card
 1. Fr. Geoff pointed out that if we make our own, we could add some of the responses for the Children's Liturgy of the Word and RCIA candidate's dismissals.
 2. Mary suggested that if we do our own card we could do several "seasonal" cards throughout the year.
 3. Ask Jeremy to work up a cost comparison on doing our own card in seasonal vs year long versions.
 4. Mary pointed out that we should not limit our recommendations based on just cost. We should have what will be of the greatest benefit to aid in worship.
- D. Committee Reports
- i. Leadership Discernment Information
 1. Erich Krammer leads as a subcommittee of PC.
 2. Lois would like 3 WC members at each discernment meeting.
 3. Lois is taking the lead and will probably be at all three meetings.
 4. Need to make calls to those nominated for a commitment to attend a meeting.
 - a. Mike and Margy will help make the calls.
 5. WC volunteers needed to answer questions for those discerning at each meeting.
 - a. Saturday, May 7, 9:30-11 AM
 - i. Lois, Steve, Darlene
 - b. Thursday, May 12, 7-9 PM
 - i. Lois, Paul, Mike
 - c. Sunday, May 15, 1:30-3 PM
 - i. Lois, Beth
 - ii. Adoration Chapel
 1. Outcome from the visit by the Archdiocesan Arts & Environment sub-committee
 - a. Fr. Geoff pointed out that Church documents state that the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved must be in a conspicuous location and be obvious to all those entering church.
 - b. Recommendation seems to be the placement of the tabernacle in front of the Gethsemane window.
 - c. Statues are located on both sides of the window.
 - d. Fr. Geoff's concern is that the tabernacle might get lost in the window.
 - e. The window is not as busy at the bottom.
 2. Fr. Geoff stopped at several churches in Indiana on his way home from a conference.
 - a. One thing he liked is having the monstrance on top of the tabernacle during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, so that you have one point of focus.
 - b. We would need something done to place our monstrance on top of our tabernacle. Either a new tabernacle or a frame over the tabernacle to support the monstrance.

- c. One church he stopped at used the large host for Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament.
3. Tabernacle not being moved for the sake of moving, but for the sake of doing the best we can do for worship in the parish.
4. Fr. Geoff stated that town hall meetings will be necessary before any changes. It is important that the meetings include parishioners who were around when the church was built.
5. The location of the tabernacle must be obvious and it must be obvious that it is the center of our faith.
6. Mike proposes a dry-run of one day to move the tabernacle and the chapel altar in front of the window to see what it will look like.
 - a. Fr. Geoff not comfortable with moving the tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament, but suggests that the empty tabernacle be used for the dry-run, and that some of the chairs be left facing the tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament for those who come to the chapel to pray.
 - b. Fr. Geoff would not be opposed to leaving it this way for a week.
7. If we keep stations in the chapel, they would have to be moved to the back wall.
8. Due to concerns to meet fire code we may lose some chairs in order to keep a clear path open for the doors.
9. Question of the existing window between the church and chapel.
 - a. Cover it up
 - b. Replace with a stained glass window.
 - c. Maybe a second window on the opposite side.
 - d. Must be very careful that the windows aesthetically match the last supper windows.
 - e. Fr. Geoff likes the idea of etched glass with grapes/bread.
10. Fr. Geoff thinks the next step should be to get a consultant to make some drawings and pull it all together.
11. Father agreed to the plan for a dry-run. Mike, Darlene, and Michelle will pick a day in May to re-configure the chapel for a day and encourage everyone to visit the chapel that day to see how things work.

VI. New Business

A. Pastoral Council Parish Feedback Items

- i. Pastoral Council getting feedback in the gathering space after Mass.

VII. Closing Prayer led by Steve

- A. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stengel, *Ex Officio* (Secretary)