

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
Worship Commission
Minutes of Meeting June 28, 2016

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

Members Absent: Bridget Dreher, Dominic Iannarino, Beth Brink

Incoming Members Present: Adriana Inman

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

Ex Officio Absent: Fr. Geoff Drew (Pastor)

- I. Opening Prayer/Praying for Each Other – Mike opened at 7:07 PM
- II. Formation – “The Church of Mercy” – Chapters 37-39
 - A. Lessons from Mary. Mary’s inner attitude. Never given to hurry, but to act in haste. Contemplating what needs to be done and then acting. Listening, decision, action.
 - B. Acting in haste but not be in a hurry.
 - C. Mary knowing the will of God and then acting on what needed to be done.
 - D. WC acting slowly, but when things are done carefully and with discernment, good will come of it.
 - E. Listening to the will of God and doing the will of God can be difficult.
 - F. It is easy to get caught up in everyday fast pace life and become too busy to listen.
 - G. Mary’s life is part of the journey of faith toward God.
 - H. The book this year has been trying to get to the point of we must speak the truth with love and mercy. We can have love and mercy, but we must speak the truth.
 - I. With Mary there was no compromise. She knew we must move toward God.
 - J. The book this year is a reminder of the mission of the Church. The Church is called to bring sinners in as part of discipleship.
 - K. Entering church and making the sign of the cross is a reminder of our baptism and the mark on us to be disciples of Jesus.
 - L. Discipleship is something we are called to be more than just a member of the Church.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from April 26, 2016.
 - A. Minutes from April 26 approved with the changes from the May meeting.
 - B. Minutes from the May 24th meeting were unofficial so no approval is needed.
- IV. Pastoral Associate Report
 - A. The liturgical commemoration of Saint Mary Magdalene has been raised to a feast by Pope Francis. Raised to the same level as the apostles. Do not know if priests will wear red for the feast.
 - B. Congratulations to Jeremy on his book, “Three Great Days: Preparing the Liturgies of the Paschal Triduum” to be published by Liturgical Press.
 - C. Holly and Jeremy starting to work on an evening discussing pre-planning funeral liturgies with members of the parish.
 - D. Jeremy is planning some catechesis on cremation to help people understand the process. Cremation is allowed, but the remains must be treated with the same respect as other remains.
 - E. The Mass for the start of the Fortnight for Freedom had 53 people in attendance. Will need to evaluate how to best celebrate the Fortnight for Freedom for next year. Some possible ideas include:
 - i. Celebrate as a region.
 - ii. Possibly a morning Mass instead of the evening Mass. Summer is a difficult time to get people interested in attending an evening Mass.
 - iii. People are stopping to look at the posters on display in church.
 - iv. Fortnight of Freedom seems to be losing some energy.
- V. Continuing Business/Projects
 - A. Items related to WC from June PC Meeting - Steve
 - i. Next years book for councils and commissions will be “Lazarus at the Table”.
 - ii. PC was short on individuals during the discernment process to fill the council.

1. They will be using the names from those not drawn at the end of the discernment process last year.
 2. Many people were nominated for more than one council and they had to choose the council they wanted to discern.
 3. Steve's recommendation – Have better visibility for the commissions and councils to the parish as a whole to help bring in more people.
 4. PC was the only council or commission short on people for discernment.
- iii. A roundabout is planned for the intersection of Hamilton-Mason and Lesourdsville – West Chester Rd.
 - iv. Together we grow at 50% of the tier one goal as of June 1st.

B. Pew Booklets

- i. St. Max has purchased 2,000 of the new red booklets.
- ii. The St. Max logo was added to the cover. One musical setting we do not sing was removed, and one that we do sing was added to the booklets.
- iii. \$1.28 per book
- iv. St. Max received free use of all copyrights since we are not selling the booklets.
- v. Jeremy and Steve thanked everyone again for all the work on this project.

C. Committee Reports

i. Adoration Chapel

1. Mike showed pictures of the proposed new layout in the Adoration Chapel. The tabernacle was placed in front of the Gethsemane window and the chairs were turned to face the tabernacle.
2. The previous proposal from four years ago called for the construction of a built in tabernacle on the back wall.
3. Any changes will need to be approved by the Archbishop, Fr. Geoff, and the Parish Council. This process may take 6-7 months.
4. Several design decisions will need to be made
 - a. A liturgical designer will need to be engaged for flooring, paint, lighting etc. This could take several months.
 - b. The proposed design will then be presented to the members of the parish.
 - c. This needs to be a deliberate process to make a beautiful space.
 - d. To make the tabernacle visible in church through the wall in the center of the chapel would require the tabernacle to be positioned high on the wall, and it would take up a lot of space in the chapel and a number of chairs would be lost.
 - e. The new proposed configuration allows plenty of room to get in and out, and would meet all fire codes.
 - f. Currently most of the chairs are needed for the children's liturgy of the word. In the long run the children's liturgy of the word may move to another location.
 - g. A designer will be able to help with the decision of the need for a new tabernacle.
 - h. The WC members present did not feel the tabernacle would get lost in the window.
 - i. The Stations could be moved and stay in the chapel.
 - j. Votive candles could be placed in front of the statues. Jeremy pointed out that this would increase the "ghosting" on the walls which would require more frequent painting of the walls.
 - k. Steve asked if any member felt this new configuration would not work, and no one felt it would not work.
5. The big question is the visibility of the tabernacle from inside the church.
6. Jeremy asking the WC members to discuss and come to a consensus on the new proposal, the 2012 proposal, or come to no consensus at this meeting.
 - i. Mike – No cost involved in the short term by moving the tabernacle and chairs. However, it is an unfinished solution and does not accomplish creating a beautiful space.
 - ii. Margy – Does not notice people coming in to the chapel. Wants to see the tabernacle from church. Would like the tabernacle to stay where it is at present.
 - iii. Mary – likes the new configuration. Seeing the tabernacle from inside the church is not a big factor for her. Does not think the chapel is properly adorned and is saddened by the way it looks now. Thinks the new

proposal is a good compromise. Feels like the Lord is stuck in the corner the way the chapel is now configured.

- iv. Steve – Torn. Likes being able to see the tabernacle from church, but in the chapel the Lord is stuck in the corner. Likes the new window concept as a compromise to make the chapel more beautiful.
- v. No one thinks the 2012 proposal is the best solution.
- vi. Next years commission will pick this up in August.
- vii. Jeremy feels that agreeing the 2012 proposal is not the best solution is good progress.
- viii. Steve asking everyone one last time to go through the church documents and considers the decision a two step process.
 - 1. Step 1 - Glorifying the space where Jesus is present.
 - 2. Step 2 – The overall campus plan.
- ix. The decision will be as much about what happens on the church side as in the chapel.
- x. There is no one perfect solution. Understanding what the church teaches, why the church teaches it, and a desire to glorify the Lord should be considered.
- xi. Steve thanked everyone for their time and desire to glorify the Lord.

VI. New Business

- A. 2016-17 Vice Chair for WC
 - i. Will need someone to step up and take on the role of vice chair for next year.
 - ii. This will be discussed at the August meeting.
- B. August Day of Reflection
 - i. Saturday August 27th for all commission and council members.
- C. Steve encourages all members to attend archdiocesan training on the role of the WC.
- D. Steve thanked everyone for their time and efforts this year.
- E. Everyone thanked Steve for leading the WC this year.
- F. Jeremy handed out St. Max afghans to outgoing members Steve, Mary, and Margy. He thanked them for serving and their leadership on behalf of Fr. Geoff and the entire parish.

VII. Closing Prayer led by Mike

- A. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stengel, *Ex Officio* (Secretary)