

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
Worship Commission
Minutes of Meeting September 27, 2016

Members Present: Lois Latzy (Chair), Darlene Lewis, Paul Von Erden, Mike Gardner, Michelle Meyer, Christine Guerin, Adriana Inman, Corey Moore, Dawn Mansour

Members Absent: , Beth Brink, Dominic Iannarino

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 – Adriana opened at 7:03 PM
- II. Discussion of Chapter 1 of Lazarus at the Table
 - A. Clement of Alexander encouraged Christians to try not to distinguish between the deserving and the non-deserving.
 - B. We should give to those in need and not question what they will do with what we give.
 - C. Jeremy noted how engaged the Church has been throughout history with what is going on in society at any given time and how to best respond.
 - D. Christine thought Liberation theology should have been included by Bernard Evans in the book for a more complete historical perspective.
 - E. Paul thinks we should be on guard against social justice in the Church becoming too socialist politically.
 - F. Lois commented that we have to look at social justice today differently than in the 4th century. The nuns in school talked about Leo XIII's encyclical.
 - G. Unions are an example of change over time. They were needed in the early 20th century to protect workers, but their needs are much different now.
 - H. Mike pointed out from page 2 of the book the primary foundation of Catholic social teaching is the Bible. The top of page 10 sums up the chapter very nicely.
 - I. It is difficult not to judge who is deserving and who is not deserving. We must do the best we can with what we are given to be good stewards.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from August 23, 2016.
 - A. Minutes approved as submitted.
- IV. Pastoral Associate Report
 - A. Fr. Edward from Uganda was not officially here to preach, but asked if he could concelebrate.
 - B. Moving toward having CLOW in the large conference room. Goal is to have CLOW available at every 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass. Will need to get more people involved.
 - C. Short term the goal is to have CLOW in the large conference room until the new chapel is built.
 - D. Coordination is needed between CLOW and RCIA for use of the large conference room.
 - E. Last of the interviews for Coordinator of Children's Initiation for First Penance and First Communion are completed and Jeremy hopes to hire someone soon.
 - F. A recent 4:30 PM Mass reading was in Spanish with a large number of Hispanic families in church to celebrate several people receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.
 - G. A Vietnamese girl and Belgium man will be celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday.
 - H. The Hamilton–Fairfield Symphony Orchestra will again be performing on Oct 29th and premiering a new piece, "I, Maximilian", composed by Paul John Stanbery, dedicated to our parish, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe.
- V. Continuing Business/Projects
 - A. Items related to WC from September PC Meeting – Adriana attended.
 - i. A request from a parishioner for translations of texts and responses in the worship aid.
 - ii. PC Listening session after weekend Masses
 1. Some people upset the chairs were removed from the gathering space.
 - a. There are 9 chairs along the wall by the sacristy which can be used.
 - b. Fire code is an issue with chairs in the gathering space.
 - c. The upside is people go into church and do not sit in the gathering space during Mass.
 - d. No good reason or need for chairs in the gathering space.

2. Someone should always get back to the person raising an issue so they know it has been addressed.
 3. Did not have many issues brought up during listening sessions
- B. PC monthly representative sign-up
- i. Lois handed out signup sheet. PC is covered for Oct & Nov at this time.
- C. Monthly Prayer leader sign-up
- i. Lois handed out signup sheets for monthly opening prayer leader and for help with setup before monthly WC meetings.
- D. Vice-chair position
- i. Mike Gardner has agreed to be vice-chair for this year.
- E. Chapel reconfiguration update
- i. Recap of the status of the new reconfiguration proposal so everyone is up to speed.
 - ii. Last year WC decided the old proposal was not the best solution.
 - iii. The goal now is to write a new proposal to present to PC.
 - iv. General Discussion of the ideas for the new configuration
 1. Please review the meeting minutes from June 28, 2016 for details along with additional documents posted on the WC members page.
 2. Mike showed pictures of the trial configuration.
 3. The trial configuration took into consideration all fire codes.
 4. Fr. Geoff wanted the trial configuration to use the same number of chairs as the current configuration.
 5. If CLOW moves to the large conference room, some chairs could be removed.
 - v. Goal for WC is to come to a consensus on a new configuration of the chapel, which will lead to a new proposal to be presented to PC.
 1. Articulating the principles of the new proposed layout is the job of the WC.
 2. Once WC decides on the principles of the proposed new layout and presents the new proposal to PC, we can move forward with designers keeping in mind that the look of the current Blessed Sacrament chapel and the new chapel should be similar.
 - vi. Archbishop prefers if there is a Blessed Sacrament chapel the tabernacle should be placed in the chapel. If the church does not have a chapel and has a high altar it should be placed on the high altar.
 - vii. Fr. Geoff and Craig Best met with the fire chief to discuss votive lights and it was decided it would be possible to make the necessary changes to conform with fire codes.
 1. Ghosting will get worse with the soot put out by the candles, so we would have to budget to paint more often.
 2. Another option would be to cover the lower part of the walls with tile or other material so that the ghosting would only be noticeable higher up on the wall.
 - viii. We currently have a lot of items that we received used from other sources. Jeremy feels we are at the point in our maturity as a parish to start commissioning new pieces to serve our needs and not be dependent on what can be found used.
 - ix. What are the concerns that remain of this new concept?
 1. Tabernacle will not be visible from inside the church.
 2. Goal of this process is to make the Blessed Sacrament the focus of the chapel.
 - a. What do we do to make the tabernacle the focus of it's own chapel?
 3. Catechesis is very important so that everyone understands why we are doing what we are doing.
 4. It is as much about what is done to draw the focus outside the chapel as what is done inside the chapel.
 - x. Mike, Darlene, Michelle and Jeremy will work on a rough draft of the proposal for the October meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. Discussion and Recommendations: Section I of Fr. Geoff's Observations
- i. Fr. Geoff would like input by the end of October.
 - ii. Fr. Geoff would like the same person going to PC every month to keep continuity.

1. Lois feels we should keep sending a different person to each meeting so more than one person has an idea of what is going on in the PC meetings. Since the person going has no input or voting privileges, continuity is not important.
 2. Jeremy feels the chair and vice chair should not have to go to a PC meeting. We should share the load with other members.
 3. Leadership roundtable
 - a. Leaders of staff and the leaders of councils and commissions.
 - b. A meeting where things can get accomplished because you have all the people who can speak for their council/commission in the same meeting.
 - c. This meeting should have the chairs & vice-chairs.
 - d. This meeting is weaker if you rotate members.
 4. Lay Leadership Discernment Team
 - a. Best to rotate members and it only lasts a couple of weeks.
- iii. Lois will put together our recommendations for approval at the October meeting.
1. WC proposing the PC representative is a rotating member, but not the chair or vice-chair, or each group decides for itself who to send.
 2. The representative to the Leadership Roundtable should be the chair or vice-chair.

B. Reschedule the November meeting to the 15th

- i. Jeremy will try to reschedule the November meeting.

C. Reflections on recent Sundays in Ordinary Time

- i. Beautiful liturgy.
- ii. Music very good, flowers good, tri-fold nice.
- iii. This past weekend was the first of the series on faithful citizenship.

D. Jeremy inviting everyone to bring up issues.

- i. Agenda should be driven as much by what WC members and parishioners think is important as what Fr. Geoff and Jeremy think should be discussed.

E. Bridget has conflicts and is resigning from WC.

F. Lois has not heard from Dominic and it appears that he has conflicts and cannot make meetings.

G. Lois is going to ask people who discerned in the spring to fill those two spots on WC.

- i. One person for a one year term, and one person for a two year term.

VII. Closing Reflection

- A. Jeremy asked everyone to reflect on things for which we are grateful for in our parish. Focusing on worship, the sacraments in our parish, the work of the WC, and the work of the church at prayer.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stengel, *Ex Officio* (Secretary)