

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish  
Worship & Sacraments Commission  
Minutes of Meeting June 27, 2017

**Members Present:** Lois Latzy (Chair), Paul Von Erden, Beth Brink, Mike Gardner, Adriana Inman, Susan Maddox, Darlene Lewis, Dawn Mansour

**Members Absent:** Corey Moore, Michelle Meyer, Christine Guerin

**Incoming Members Present:** Helena Osubor, Amy Wissel, Hope Davenport

**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 – Paul opened at 7:06 PM
- II. Introductions and Greetings to incoming 2017 Commission Members in attendance
  - A. Helena Osubor, Amy Wissel, Hope Davenport
- III. Discussion of Chapter 8 and Epilogue of Lazarus at the Table
  - A. Care for God's Creation
    - i. A challenging chapter. Susan shared her shame in walking into the grocery and there is a whole aisle of cereal. Seems like so much more than we need. This happens in so many areas of our lives.
    - ii. Symbol of water. Before God could create us, He had to create a place for us. How do we respect the place He created for us?
    - iii. If man is not at peace with God we cannot be at peace in the world.
    - iv. Lois was drawn to the thought that this is the first century we have really discussed the caring for the earth. In the past, we were not able to destroy things in the earth because we did not have the technology or ability to affect the environment. We must take more responsibility to care for the earth.
    - v. Things that will destroy the earth are so prevalent. Plastic on credit cards we receive in the mail, straws on the tables in restaurants. We waste Saran Wrap and so many other things that our parents and grandparents would reuse.
    - vi. Dawn quoted from John Paul II on page 107 of the book. "Human contemplation of this aesthetic work brings peace and serenity."
    - vii. Mike quoted from page 109 of the book. "The dignity of the human person is the foundation of all Catholic social teaching." It is one thing to take care of the planet, but we also need to take care of people. People in Noah's day were polluting the earth by their actions and God brought the rain and flooded the earth.
    - viii. The key is the dignity of human beings.
    - ix. Lois also quoted from page 109. "From a Catholic perspective, we need to find a balance between caring for humans and caring for the rest of God's creation."
    - x. Lois talked about growing up in the country and no food scraps went into the garbage. Paper products burned for heat. Metal cans taken to the dump once a year.
    - xi. The media sells America. To be American is to consume seems to be the message that gets out from the media, especially to people from other countries.
    - xii. This has been an interesting book on Catholic social teaching.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2017.
  - A. Minutes approved with no changes.
  - B. Need to look at providing additional truncated minutes to post on website.
- V. Pastoral Associate Report
  - A. It is unusual to seek a visiting priest as we did with Fr. Tom. We normally only seek a visiting priest when a priest is away and we need coverage. Missionaries come in to speak a few times a year.
  - B. Jeremy considering celebrating Thanksgiving in the gym this year to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the parish family life complex. This would only be for this year.

- C. David Flanagan, Emily Colpi, and Jeremy invited 20 leaders in the Hospitality Ministries to a meeting to discuss a vision for liturgical hospitality in our parish. Only one RSVP was received, so the meeting was canceled. The three are revisiting their plans on how to best move forward.
- D. Bulletin is not the best tool to communicate. Need to keep working on other ways to communicate.
- E. Jeremy will be heading up the National Pastoral Musicians Association meeting in July.
- F. Three teens from St. Max will be participating in the Youth Music Ministry Institute. It is good for the teens to meet with other teens so they can see that they are not alone in doing music in church.

#### VI. Pastor's Report

- A. Mentions the reconfiguration of the chapel.
- B. Leadership summit.
- C. We will have another intern in August, Nicholas White. He was part of a religious community in NY. He is "out of sequence" with the seminary. He will probably be ordained a deacon in April. His year of internship is a year later than the rest of the seminarians.
- D. Mentioned "Evening with our Queen".
- E. There are discussions of providing free child care for any organizations wishing to have child care on their meeting night. It will be tried for a year and will be using the money from the linked Kroger cards.
  - i. What we bring in on Kroger cards currently pays for child care. The hope is that more people will link their cards to pay for the additional child care.
  - ii. Some groups put it in their budget and some groups charge their members for child care. Groups have done it differently. It will be a paid service and not volunteer. The same people who run child care on Sunday morning.
- F. June is the fifth anniversary of perpetual adoration.
- G. October will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. Maximilian Kolbe founding the Militia of the Immaculata.
- H. November is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the parish life complex.
- I. April is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. Kolbe's ordination to the priesthood.

#### VII. Proposed Changes to the Governance Model.

- A. Change the inner ring to "Worship & Sacraments"
- B. Under Liturgical Ministries
  - i. Remove "Formation and Scheduling of Liturgical Ministers". This is a function of the ministry leaders and staff and is not a separate ministry.
  - ii. Remove "Wedding Assistants" because it is a stipended position led by a staff member.
- C. Under Sacramental Celebrations and Other Rites
  - i. No need for the word communal before "Anointing of the Sick".
  - ii. Change the word "Masses" to "Eucharist (Masses)"
- D. Due to staffing changes RCIA and the other sacraments of initiation, baptism, first penance and first communion, confirmation, need to move from E&C to be under WSC.
  - i. Wedding preparation would remain under E&C because of staff alignment and because the other sacraments are sacraments of initiation and wedding preparation is considered adult formation.
- E. Move the "Art & Environment" heading under "Liturgical Ministries" to separate it from "Devotions".
- F. The proposed changes were approved by the WSC and will be sent to E&C before being sent to PC.

#### VIII. Continuing Business/Projects

- A. Discernment of Vice-Chair for 2017-2018
  - i. Second year members, Dawn, Christine, Corey and Adrianna are the most likely candidates to be vice-chair.
  - ii. Due to extenuating circumstances Christine and Corey will not be available for this role. That leaves Dawn & Adrianna to discern the role of vice-chair.
  - iii. The vice-chair stands in for the chair when needed. Vice-chair assists the chair in representing the commission, attend meetings and work on the agenda with the chair and Jeremy.
  - iv. The assumption is the vice-chair will become the chair the following year.
  - v. Jeremy opened the process with prayer.
  - vi. Adrianna and Dawn shared their gifts and limitations with the commission.
  - vii. After a discussion of the strengths and weakness of the candidates by commission members both Adrianna and Dawn were willing to be considered for vice-chair.
  - viii. Dawn's name was drawn and she will be the new vice-chair.

## B. Pastoral Council Liaison

- i. Fr. Geoff would like the same WSC member to attend the PC meeting every month and would like the name of the member by the end of June.
- ii. WSC is the only commission that has been sending a different member to the PC meetings each month.
- iii. Darlene attended the latest PC meeting and informed the WSC how strongly Fr. Geoff and the PC feel about sending the same member each month. They feel it is important in building a stronger relationship, for continuity, and the member attending the PC meetings would read the same book as the PC members and participate in the discussion.
- iv. WSC members feel it is a huge burden on one person, but are willing to send a single person.
- v. Jeremy thinks Mike should convey the concerns of the members of the WSC to Andrew and the PC why the WSC is reluctant to send a single person. Mike will present the idea of rearranging the PC meeting so that the representative would not have to be present for the entire meeting.

## C. Communion of Sick: Background and Discussion

- i. The concern was raised by a parishioner that we don't offer communion every day for those homebound. Fr. Geoff, Holly Moran, and Jeremy discussed this and decided there was no need to change the current policy. Fr. Geoff will speak to the person. Communion outside of Mass should be rare. If a person is truly homebound and unable to attend Sunday Mass communion will be taken to them, but not every day.

## D. Chapel Reconfiguration Fall Meetings

- i. The feeling now is that the meetings do not need to be as big in scope. Originally it was thought there would be more objections to the change. There has not been any significant negative feedback on the change.
- ii. We may only need two meetings instead of three. Maybe the first hour of the regular WSC meeting in September or October would be one of the meetings and then one other meeting, possibly on Saturday after 8:30 AM Mass.
- iii. Some people would still prefer to see the tabernacle through the window from inside church, but no one disagrees that the current configuration inside the chapel isn't the best solution.
- iv. Jeremy suggesting that the town hall meeting be held in the church for the first hour of the regular WSC meeting in September or October. A second town hall would be scheduled the following Saturday after the 8:30 AM Mass.
- v. The decision on September or October will be delayed until Mike, Dawn and Jeremy have a chance to discuss the fall agenda.

## IX. New Business

### A. Pastoral Council Feedback – Darlene

- i. Discussion of the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday and those attending as a single who do not feel comfortable participating.
- ii. A reason to keep the 12:00 PM Mass on Easter in the gym is that no incense is used. This is another opportunity to attend an "incense free" Mass for those with allergies.
- iii. Concern about what is being taught to the Eucharistic Ministers about people kneeling and receiving communion on the tongue.
- iv. Concern about EMHC coming up on the altar and offering each other the sign of peace when the Lamb of God is starting.

### B. Leadership Roundtable Issues – Lois

- i. Should be attended by the chair or vice-chair.
- ii. Only meets once a quarter and meets at different times.
- iii. WSC will alternate the chair and vice chair.
- iv. Combining of the by-laws for all councils and commissions. There will be a common part and then each council and commission will have their own part which will be reviewed once a year. Trying to get this out for review by August.
- v. Looking at a common meeting night for councils and commissions. If approved this would not start until 2018/2019.
- vi. Still talking about a hiatus between terms on commissions.
- vii. Job descriptions. WSC has completed their job descriptions.

C. Jeremy asked for any feedback on the reading schema for the coming year.

- i. Everyone agreed that the reading schema was good.
- ii. Jeremy will get books for the new members.

D. Acknowledgement of Outgoing Members

- i. Jeremy thanked the three outgoing WSC members for their contributions to the commission.
- ii. A special thank you to Lois for her time as chair and vice-chair.
- iii. The official St. Max afghans were given to the outgoing members.
- iv. Flowers and a special gift were given to Lois.
- v. Lois thanked everyone for the last three years.

X. Closing Reflection

- A. Jeremy leads prayer expressing thanks for Lois, Darlene and Paul.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stengel, *Ex Officio* (Secretary)