

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
Worship & Sacraments Commission
Minutes of Meeting May 22, 2018

Members Present: Mike Gardner (Chair), Dawn Mansour, Helena Osubor, Amy Wissel, Hope Davenport, Beth Brink

Members Absent: Michelle Meyer, Christine Guerin, Adriana Inman, Michael Bolek, Terry Schneeman

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

Ex Officio Absent: Fr. Geoff Drew (Pastor)

Staff Visitor: Robin Burbrink – Children’s Initiation Minister

- I. Opening Prayer/Praying for Each Other – Beth opened at 7:08 PM
- II. Report on Children’s Initiation – Robin Burbrink
 - A. Confirmation
 - i. Opening event on Sunday. Invited all families to go to noon Mass.
 1. Pizza lunch.
 2. 2:00 – 5:00pm Tom Sparough the Space Painter. Inspirational speaker and entertainer.
 - ii. Three Tuesday prayer/small group sessions using high school youths as prayer service leaders.
 1. Prayer service in church.
 2. Move to the gym for three sessions.
 - a. Baptism
 - b. Gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - c. Transformation
 3. Gave out Bibles and YOUCATs to use to explore their faith.
 - iii. All day retreat at the Jesuit Spiritual Center.
 - iv. Confirmation Day
 - v. Prayer Sessions
 - vi. Candidates will interview with the pastor.
 - vii. Portfolios
 1. Used during the interview with the pastor.
 2. First page on baptism, family, how they are going to grow in their faith.
 3. Second page about saints that they can relate to in some way.
 4. Third page is the essay part.
 - a. Sections on the Bible, YOUCATS, what the Catholic faith looks like. A question asking if Jesus sits by you on an airplane what questions would He ask you?
 5. Interview their parents.
 - viii. How to engage confirmation parents more?
 1. Confirmation is a unique opportunity to interact with the child about their faith.
 - ix. Check list of who can be a sponsor.
 1. Godparents a good first choice.
 2. Fr. must sign off on the form for a sponsor.
 - x. Last page of portfolio is on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.
 - B. Around 130 children for 1st communion this year.
 - C. Looking at different ways to engage adults and youth during the sessions.
 - i. Give parents the tools to grow their own faith as well as their children’s faith.
 - ii. Parents are the primary educators of their children.
- III. Formation- Liturgy Document book – Built of Living Stones paragraphs 170-205
 - A. Paragraph 205
 - i. Important for collaboration that you have mutual trust.
 - B. Paragraph 182 – Pastor is vital in construction projects.
 - i. Fr. Geoff is leaving but since the process has not really been started it is not a problem. It is anticipated that Fr. Jim will probably not change the course of the new building.

- ii. We have a really good steering committee. Jim Lipidi is a professional construction manager and Jim Dean who led the committee to build the church is leading the steering committee.
 - C. Paragraph 185 – WSC will be involved very heavily with many of the decisions that need to be made for the project.
 - i. Master plan in the next 3-6 months.
 - 1. Color palette, flooring choices, a general sense of what the campus will look like over the next 10 years.
 - D. Paragraph 188 – Parishioners should have some sense of the history of the parish.
 - 1. Dawn wants to preserve the history of the parish.
 - 2. Not only the history, but the stories parishioners have of the parish.
 - 3. What would be the format?
 - E. WSC will need to discuss formation for next year.
 - i. The reading of these church documents this year have been much more relative to what WSC is doing versus some of the readings the previous few years.
 - ii. There is a preference among members to read something relative to the WSC.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2018.
 - A. Minutes approved with one change.
- V. Pastoral Associate Report
 - A. Pentecost multi language readings
 - i. Spanish, Vietnamese, Dutch
 - B. Plan to name the “Music Storage Room” the St. Cecilia Music Room”, in memory of Cecilia Feltz, a child chorister who passed away in 2017.
 - i. How was this decided?
 - 1. The Feltz family wanted to donate an icon of St. Cecilia. This is an appropriate name for the music room.
 - ii. There is a need to rename our rooms because they are too clinically named at this time.
- VI. PC Report – Mike reported for Adriana
 - A. Deacon Mike Hinger gave a presentation on his new ministry.
 - B. Tim Worth – Vice Chair for PC next year.
 - C. Ad-hoc committee for planning led by John Monroe needs a representative from each commission to be appointed by August 1st.
 - D. Submitting names on the website for council and commission leadership discernment worked out very well.
 - E. Common by-laws to Stephanie when approved by council and commissions.
 - F. Holly Moran will be leaving to take a position at Miami University.
 - G. All council and commission meetings in June will be superceded by a strategic planning meeting.
 - i. It will be a conversation about what is good and what is needed for the future of the parish.
 - ii. It will be broad – not just about WSC, it will be about the whole parish.
 - iii. New WSC members will be strongly encouraged to attend the June meeting.
- VII. Continuing Business/Projects
 - A. By-laws update – Hope
 - i. Motion made to accept the changes.
 - 1. Passed with all the changes made by Hope.
 - B. Leadership Discernment and Summits – Amy & Helena
 - i. WSC got the 4 people needed to fill the available spots.
 - 1. More total names this year, but fewer that said yes.
 - a. WSC had 32 names. Only 5 that came to the discernment meetings, and 4 that agreed to move forward.
 - ii. May need to look at a different discernment process.
 - iii. Many of those contacted did not feel qualified to serve.
 - iv. Some councils and commissions did not have enough people to fill their needed spots.
 - v. Mary Blake, Michael Truax, Lisa Brown, and Rick Volk are the new members of the WSC.
 - C. Vice-Chair for next year
 - i. Michael and Helena have both declined.
 - ii. Amy and Hope are the two candidates who will discern.
 - 1. Hope and Amy both discussed their qualifications and limitations.
 - 2. Members discussed each candidate and it was decided to draw the winning name.
 - 3. Hope’s name was drawn and will be the vice-chair for 2018/2019.

- D. Connecting with our ministry leaders.
 - i. Tabled until a later meeting.

VIII. New Business

- A. Eastertide Evaluation -
 - i. Did the Easter Season as a whole suitably celebrate the paschal mystery?
 - 1. Pentecost – we could do a better job of separating it from Easter.
 - a. More visual things to show the importance of Pentecost.
 - ii. Was the Easter Season clearly distinct from Lent?
 - 1. Yes.
 - 2. Arts and Environment and music made it distinct from Lent.
 - 3. We do a good job of knowing we are in Eastertide.
 - 4. The music is very intentional during Eastertide.
 - iii. Pentecost Novena
 - 1. Made more sense when Ascension was on Thursday, but we could still do it. Would have to decide what it would look like.
 - 2. A Pentecost Novena is definitely something to consider.
 - iv. Music was very good.
 - v. Sprinkling is very nice every week.
- B. Liturgical Formation Event update.
 - i. Jeremy working on speaker.
- C. Dawn volunteered WSC to do donuts in the fall.

IX. Closing Reflection – Beth

- A. What have we done tonight to draw people closer to the Lord? What have we done tonight to help engage parishioners? Express prayers of thanks.
 - i. Robin talking about her efforts engaging with youth.
 - ii. Conversations about how we decorate and construct our buildings. Our reflections on art and architecture.
 - iii. Trying to figure out why more parishioners are not interested in being on councils and commissions.
 - iv. Fr. Geoff taking the time to sit with all the confirmation candidates and getting to know the families.
 - v. Prayers of Thanksgiving
 - 1. Thankful for the Holy Spirit leading us in the selection of our vice-chair.
 - 2. Our parish and church community coming together to worship together.
 - 3. Thankful for our parish staff and how they help us to grow in our faith.
 - 4. Thankful for WSC and all they do and what we learn by being a part of the WSC.
 - 5. The prayerfulness and intention of doing God's will.

- X. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stengel, *Ex Officio* (Secretary)