

St. Maximilian Kolbe Pastoral Council Meeting

Large Conference Room

June Minutes

June 2, 2021 – 7:00-8:25PM

Pastoral Council Members Present

Dennis Blake

Adam Gecewich

Daren Keenan – chair

Cathy Marksteiner

Chuck Michael

Ellen Paxton (via zoom)

John Prince

Kathie Grace Roberts

Lisa Schafer

Rose Wiedenmann

Pastoral Council Members Absent

Rich Inman

Notable Others:

Fr. Jim Riehle – Pastor

Staff – Ruth Trentman

Evangelization and Catechesis Commission – Andrew Tebbe

Outreach Commission – Shari Skorz

Parish Life and Stewardship Commission – Tony Ferraro

Worship and Sacraments Commission – Yuki Lauber

Finance Council – Keith Gehring

Recording Secretary – Dena Moulton

➤ Opening Prayer

➤ Pastor's Report – (Fr. Jim)

- ✓ Fr. Ron Update – at home, recovering from pneumonia
- ✓ COVID Protocols – June 2 state lifted mask mandate; archdiocese has been working within state mandates
- ✓ Lifting of the Dispensation – obligation to return begins the weekend of June 5/6
- ✓ EMHC to the Homebound – streamlined new practices and training has taken place; on weekends the ministers will be called forward and sent forth to take the Eucharist to the homebound
- ✓ Marian Pilgrimage – Our Lady of Fatima statue arrives on Sunday, June 6
- ✓ Bicentennial Events (June 19 Mass)
- ✓ Beacons of Light – survey; planning process at this point; number of priests is dropping; within year 'families of parishes' should be established; Archdiocese has information on their website
- ✓ Statue Niches – Parishioner family generously donated \$25000 to Father Jim and asked him to use this money for a project of his choice; Project chosen was to update and add to the statues of Mary and St. Joseph. Both areas will have votive candles added, Artist Todd Brausch (who refinished the angels on the Altar) will paint the background areas with amazing detail; Raised platforms will be added. Small St. Patrick and St. Francis statues will be on either side of St. Joseph; Small statues of St. Therese and St. Faustina will be on either side of Mary; Father Needs approval of PC for this project because it's over \$5000. Parish policy – even though we have the money, approval is still needed; Estimates for project – Statues, votive racks, marble stone, \$16000, painting work \$10000;
PC unanimously approved this project
- ✓ Staffing (New staff and staff reviews) Sarah Lewis will run Mighty Max (returns in fall); Fr. will do yearly reviews this fall; two parishioners will help part time with music, to fill in for Holly Saddler
- ✓ July PC Meeting (social – new and outgoing members and spouses) Daren will host - date TBD
- ✓ Church Tours (end of May) 90 kids attended over 4 different times offered

- ✓ E & C Commission – Evangelization Core Group; confusion exists; This commission on hold for a year; New ministry approval for the year will fall to PC
- ✓ Upcoming Events:
 - Summer School (June 4, 18)
 - St. Joseph Holy Hour (June 10)
 - Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 11, Mass at 7:00PM)
 - Ice Cream Social (June 13)
 - Holy Communion Questions and Controversies (June 24)
 - Trivia Night (June 26)
 - Social Sins and Social Doctrine (TBD July Date)
 - Panel on Pornography (August 23)

➤ Lightning Round

- ❖ **Together We Grow update** (Fr. Jim)
 - Steering committee met with Architects; fundraising gap less than \$100,000; ready to bid by July
- ❖ **Listening Sessions** (Chuck and Rich)
 - Plan sessions when new members arrive
- ❖ **Discernment** (Rose Wiedenmann and Lisa Schafer)
 - Pastoral Council: Michelle Asbrock, Lisa Ciccia, Amanda Hinger, Michelle Meyer
 - Outreach Commission: Meredith Bolek, Stacie Rusk, Emily Thobe
 - Parish Life & Stewardship Commission: Christine Guerin, Abby Villarroya, Paolo Villarroya
 - Worship Commission: Nancy Ferverston, Laurie Johansen, Marlene Palmatary, Jo Zink
- ❖ **MAP Process (Daren/Ellen)**
 - Fr. has all that have been turned in; to be reviewed

➤ Council/Commission Updates

➤ Finance Council – (Keith Gehring)

Financial Report Fiscal Year-To-Date as of April 30, 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable (Unfavorable) \$ Variance</u>	<u>Favorable (Unfavorable) % Variance</u>
Total Income	\$1,949,614	\$1,812,096	\$137,518	7.6
Total Expenses:				
General & Administrative	1,261,615	1,329,502	67,886	5.1
Ministry & Liturgy	42,952	66,121	23,169	35.0
Religious Formation	28,010	92,007	63,997	69.6
Outreach	10,323	16,792	6,468	38.5
Facilities	237,188	253,006	15,818	6.3
Fundraising	37,055	45,500	8,445	18.6
Capital	115,452	5,458	(109,994)	(1115.1)
Total	<u>1,732,596</u>	<u>1,808,386</u>	<u>75,790</u>	4.2
Net Income	\$217,018	\$3,711	\$213,308	

Note: Sunday Collections of \$1,520,407 are over budget by \$73,769. 53.2% via Faith Direct.

The Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget reflects Revenue in excess of Expenses in the amount of \$22K. Income Budget of \$2.180M and Expense Budget of \$2.158M.

Finance Council Areas of Focus and Reporting for FY 2021

- Monitor and report ongoing results of *Together We Grow* campaign.
 - We currently have \$1,092,282 in available funds for the project. \$944,512 is invested in an AOC note currently earning 1.45% interest. The remaining \$147,770 is invested in accounts at PNC Bank to be used for immediate needs.
 - Pledges total \$3,507,724; \$3,047,171 (87%) collected as of 3-31-2021.
 - The Schematic Design phase of the project is completed. We are currently in the design development phase. The next step is construction documents.
- Funding for the church roof replacement.
 - As of May 23, \$244,898 has been collected for the roof replacement. \$231,845 is invested in an AOC note currently earning 1.45% interest. The remaining \$13,053 is invested in PNC accounts.

Balance of the Contingency Fund as of March 31 is \$112,011

➤ **Worship and Sacraments Commission**– (Yuki Lauber)

○ **Staff Report**

- Holy Communion Question and Controversies is scheduled on June 24th. This is a family event, and everyone is welcome. No childcare is provided.
- We need a new indoor Nativity set as the current set is getting old and need to update. One idea is to have “Christmas in July” event and asking donations from the parishioners.

○ **Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

- Children’s Liturgy of the Word will not be continued because Mass is the most important thing for the families to attend together. Instead, Fr. Jim & Fr. Simon Peter are planning to offer Children’s Liturgy of the Word for all the families at 9:30 on Sundays.

➤ **Outreach Commission** – (Shari Skorcz)

○ **New Ministry Application:**

- Meal Train Ministry application discussed, and ministry approved.

○ **Summer Service Opportunities:**

- Saturday, June 12, Reach Out Lakota. Parishioners to sign up on sign up genius.
- Thursday, July 22, M25M. Parishioners sign up on sign up genius.
- Friday, Aug. 6, St. Leo’s Food Pantry. Parishioners to sign up on sign up genius.

○ **Acknowledging the work of the many ministries in 2020/21:**

- West Liberty Outreach – meet them in parking lot before trip with doughnuts.
- Family Promise – attend a meeting and bring cookies.
- Susan’s Garden – stop by garden with water (or Frostys)
- Lunch for the Homeless – join them while making lunches and bring cookies.
- RASKALS – to be decided.

➤ **Parish Life and Stewardship Commission** – (Tony Ferraro)

- Wall hangings in initial discussion phase

➤ **Evangelization and Catechesis Commission** – (Andrew Tebbe)

- Lack of young adult ministry in northern suburbs of Cincinnati provides an opportunity to create something here
- Parish mission set for November 7-9
- Looking for ways to create more involvement and opportunities to socialize in events
- Reviewed 2 new ministry requests, Aquinas Club and Dead Theologians Society
- Commission membership is a problem moving forward, next year will be a time for discernment to evaluate the purpose of the commission

➤ **Committee Updates**

❖ **Twining Liaison** (Dennis Blake)

- The Solar Installation is complete and is up and running and providing light for the school.
- We are still in need of 6 Pen Pals and are anticipating that another 20 may be needed due to some of the Pen Pals failing to write letters and or leaving the parish. Committee is now reviewing every Pen Pal to get an accurate count.
- Priorities part of the original Project that are still open include, Wiring for School (\$3400), PA System for the Church (\$10,000), Ceiling Project (\$5400). It was suggested by Fr Simon Peter that we should focus on the Projects at Hand and not look to St Patricks' for additional Projects until those we have committed to are completed.

➤ **Discussion**

PC vote on FY22 Budget; Finance Council (Keith Gehring)

Daren motions – unanimous approval of FY22 Budget from PC

➤ **Farewell to third year PC members:**

Rich Inman, Cathy Marksteiner, Ellen Paxton

Thank you for your service to Saint Max as a member of PC

➤ **Closing Prayer**