

St. Maximilian Kolbe Pastoral Council Meeting

Large Conference Room

October Minutes

October 6, 2021 – 7:00-8:45PM

Pastoral Council Members Present

Michelle Asbrock

Lisa Ciccia

Adam Gecewich

Amanda Hinger

Daren Keenan – chair

John Prince

Kathie Grace Roberts

Lisa Schafer

Pastoral Council Members Absent

Dennis Blake, Michelle Meyer, Chuck Michael, Rose Wiedenmann

Notable Others:

Fr. Jim Riehle – Pastor

Staff – No representative

Outreach Commission – Shari Skorz

Parish Life and Stewardship Commission – Gerri Walsh

Worship and Sacraments Commission – Laurie Johanson

Finance Council – Keith Gehring

Recording Secretary – Dena Moulton

➤ Opening Prayer

➤ Discussion/Formation DOMINUS EST – It is the Lord!

Reflections of a Bishop of Central Asia on Holy Communion

For November meeting read: Publishers Foreword and Preface

Come with questions and challenges

The remainder of the book will be covered in two sections

➤ Pastor's Report – (Fr. Jim)

❖ Upcoming events

✓ Mass, October 14, 7:30, Pray for all who have lost a child

✓ Oct 23, trivia night 6:30; Halloween themed

✓ RCIA, shifting to a year-round model, people are in different stages of formation, 9-15 in process currently; some people are also working independently

✓ Statue niche; scheduled to be done in next two weeks

✓ Rooms 16, 17, 18 – all one room now for usage by the Youth Group; Cost was less than \$5000

❖ Beacons of Light

✓ 1 1/2 – 2 years ago this process began; all Parish demographics were sent to the Archdiocese

✓ Sept 29; Priests presented with draft

✓ Until October 20th – open comments on draft are being accepted

✓ All comments will be compiled and analyzed

✓ Final version will then be drafted

✓ By Spring 2022, Priest assignments will take place, effective July 1, 2022

✓ Over the following 5 years, families of Parishes will make hard decisions, some parish sites will eventually close; throughout the Archdiocese, moving towards 1 Parish, 1 Pastor

❖ Where help is needed

✓ Parish Mission, Put Out into the Deep theme; Where can we do more? How can we break out of our own comfort zone; invite people, different ways to build up personal faith and that of others.

➤ **Lightning Round**

❖ **Festival Update (recap)**

- In 2022, we will not go back to 3-day festival as in the past. This 1-day festival cleared over 70K; the 3-day festival cleared 100K; The 2022 festival will be bigger with more food booths and will be on the weekend of our St. Max celebration; 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration will lead up to Saturday evening Mass.

❖ **Together We Grow update (Fr. Jim)**

- Fr. met with Archbishop
- To break ground for construction of shell only (exterior and new entrance completely finished – actual space of two rooms will not be usable) We are cleared for 75% cash/25% pledges funding alternative. Under this plan, additional cash needed is \$161,500 and additional pledges needed is \$135,500.
- Discussion on a proposal...
In the current budget: we have a contingency fund (\$236,000); we also have funds budgeted for a garage project (\$80,000) and a parking lot project (\$8,000). Larry is willing to forego/postpone these projects in this fiscal year in order to free up the cash to meet the 75% required threshold to break ground for TWG. We would 'borrow' from the contingency fund. Then we would only need to secure the additional pledges required.
- Fr. Jim would prefer to use the contingency fund to cover the \$161,500 needed in cash to break ground and he would also prefer to postpone the garage project and parking lot project so these expenses do not occur this calendar year.
- PC is being asked to give Fr. Jim permission to use contingency for the TWG purpose of covering the additional cash needed to break ground. All members present voted unanimous permission.
- New final bids will need to be secured just prior to breaking ground, so these numbers may change

❖ **Adoration (Kathie)**

- 9th and 23rd of October are still open; Change of date to Thursday 7:00-8:00pm in November.

❖ **Listening Sessions / Feedback loop (Chuck)**

- Ideas presented; PC members should email Daren with comments.

❖ **MAP Process (Daren)**

- Still working

❖ **New Business**

- Fundraisers: St. Gabe sells raffle tickets: October 16 and 23
- Youth Group: October 23 and continuing for 4 weeks in a row; this will pay for youth room renovations; need to raise \$5000 (Painted pumpkins for sale, bake sale, 'fall themed sales')
- Both fundraisers are approved by PC

➤ Council/Commission Updates

➤ Finance Council (Keith Gehring)

Financial Report Fiscal Year-To-Date as of August 31, 2021

	Actual	Budget	Favorable (Unfavorable) \$ Variance	Favorable. % Variance
Total Income	378,870	376,763	2,107	0.6%
Expenses:				
General & Administrative	237,894	265,339	27,445	10.3%
Ministry & Liturgy	11,050	11,899	849	7.1%
Religious Formation	4,746	14,640	9,894	67.6%
Outreach	1,900	2,467	567	23.0%
Facilities	40,621	51,880	11,259	21.7%
Fundraising	3,746	0	(3,746)	#DIV/0!
Capital	5,831	1,083	(4,748)	-438.4%
Total Expenses	305,788	347,308	41,520	12.0%
Net Income	73,082	29,455	43,627	

Note: Sunday Collections of \$291,761 are under budget by \$9,807. 54.5% from Faith Direct. Sunday collections for July and August are similar to last year but lower than the 2 years prior to that.

The Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget reflects Revenue in excess of Expenses in the amount of \$97,628. Income Budget of \$2,406,638 and Expense Budget of \$2,309,010. Almost all the \$97,628 is designated to Raise the Roof.

We currently have no debt/loans.

Finance Council Areas of Focus and Reporting for FY 2022

- Monitor and report ongoing results of *Together We Grow* campaign.
 - We currently have \$1,350,613 in available funds for the project.
 - Pledges total \$3,779,700; \$3,283,741 collected as of 8-30-2021.
 - Construction bids came in higher than planned. TWG Sub-Committee is considering next steps.
 - AOC agree we could commence building if have 75% cash and 25% in pledges for remaining costs (\$2,029,719). Need another \$170K in cash and \$140K in pledges.
- Funding for the church roof replacement.
 - The roof was inspected in September 2018 by a roofing contractor and determined to have an estimated life expectancy of approximately three years. Currently on 10-year plan during 2024-25 fiscal year.
 - The estimated cost to replace the roof is \$815,000 using three-dimensional asphalt shingles or \$915,000 using stamping seam metal.
 - Bid received in February 2020 had a quote of \$1,005,550. 2nd bid in Jan '21 bid of \$689-764K.
 - As of August 30, \$256,600 has been collected for the roof replacement.
 - Expect that we will need 100% in cash to start.
- Balance of the Contingency Fund as of July 31 is \$133,789.

Future off-budget cost: Baptismal font repairs

➤ **Worship and Sacraments Commission** (Laurie Johansen)

- On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception there will be an opportunity to renew a consecration to the Blessed Mother at the 8:30 AM & 7:30 PM masses. A Day of Mercy at St. Max will be on Thursday Dec. 9 from 7:15 AM-8 or 9:00 PM, but no communal penance service. RCIA program currently has 3 catechumens and 12 candidates.
- Volunteers for Parish Mission- members encouraged to get the word out and sign up; some emails have been sent to Ministries; SignUp Genius to be sent out soon.
- New plants placed in sanctuary, new white chapel tabernacle tablecloth, total of 13 new patens in use, construction of a cremated remains/child casket table is completed and a new cloth matching this table has been ordered.
- Additional devotional opportunities: First Friday 7:30 PM mass began Oct. 1st and family holy hour on Thursdays 11-noon have begun. New materials supplied and displayed for these families.
- Sacramental preparation has begun, Anointing of the Sick changing to once a quarter instead of only the 5th Saturdays.
- New EMHC Coordinator is Dennis Blake.
- Wall fonts ordered--3-4 weeks until arrival.
- Continuing efforts: Statue niches painting completed, awaiting redo of unsatisfactory tile work/altar design; samples of new votive candles were shown (two sizes in blue for Mary and in gold for Joseph); three EMHC trainings for new volunteers underway while trainings for new sacristans, lectors, altar servers and thurifers being planned.

➤ **Outreach Commission** (Shari Skorz)

- Outreach Commission lists upcoming one day service opportunities in the bulletin weekly.
- "Let Your Service Shine" - discussion on parish wide project with Matthew 25M.

➤ **Parish Life and Stewardship Commission** (Gerri Walsh)

- Bengal tailgate: Only 3 families attended; game was sound only, no TV picture
- Holiday Boutique – November 20
- Christmas Caroling and Bonfire – December 29

➤ **Evangelization and Catechesis Commission** (Holly Moran)

- Overview shared with PC

➤ **Committee Updates**

❖ **Twinning Liaison** (Dennis Blake)

Financial

- Twinning currently has \$9273 as of September 22nd
- We made \$923.00 with the Split the Pot at the Festival
- There have been two transfers of funds for Food Relief totaling \$29,348.80
- There was an agreement to set aside \$4500 to assist in the Travel of Father Henry, David, and Stephen to visit St Max. More details as they become available

Pen Pals

- We picked up 23 New Pen Pals after the Masses on witness weekend, but we are still in need of additional pen pals

Golf Outing

- The Golf Outing was a success and Twinning was able to net \$3625.
- Next year's Outing has been booked and will be on Friday September 9, 2022 and will be held at Walden Pond once again.

Physical Needs for St Patrick's

- It was determined that Water was a critical need as many walk several miles per day to a stream or river to collect daily water needs. A subcommittee titled Physical Needs was established and will be chaired by Mike Gardner. Fr Simon Peter relayed that a Power Drilled Well would cost roughly \$5000 while a Hand Drilled well would be roughly \$1500 but would not be as deep.

Immersion Trip to Uganda

- The plan is to have another Immersion trip to St Patrick's in June of 2022. More details to follow.

➤ **Open Discussion**

Updated Pictorial Directory discussion; it has been quite a while since our last directory; is a new one being planned? The struggle is always the level of parishioner participation; a possible option is for online participation.

Who will help to research this idea? Michelle Asbrock to lead initial inquiry.

➤ **Closing Prayer**