

## SAINTS JOSEPH AND CABRINI PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Jeff Ledger at 7:05pm. Members attending were Jeff Ledger, Kelsey Rubey, Karen Morgan, Nancy Anderson, Dan Fritz, Paul Fritz, Shirley Van Dee, Mike Adrian, Amy Webber, Steve Pacha and Arlene Fritz.

An opening prayer was recited. Minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting were read by Jeff Ledger. Paul Fritz moved to approve the minutes. Steve Pacha seconded. Approved.

Jeff Ledger welcomed new council members Karen Morgan, Kelsey Rubey, Dan Fritz and Paul Fritz.

### CHRISTIAN SERVICE/SOCIAL ACTION

Shirley sent cards with the Christmas Mass schedule to inactive parishioners and received two responses.

### FAMILY LIFE

Arlene Fritz has continued sending cards to shut-ins so they maintain a connection with the parish. Photos for the new parish directory will be taken February 8 from 2-9pm at St. Joseph, February 9 from 2-9pm at Mother Cabrini and February 10 from 10am-5pm at Mother Cabrini. Nancy Anderson gave an overview of what the Family Life Committee does, including maintaining a visitor book, welcoming new parishioners, and sending cards and visiting parishioners who otherwise may not have regular contact with the parish.

### LITURGY

Nancy Anderson reports that we are having a new Bible Study course this year. It is a set of DVD's by Bishop Robert Barron. We will run for three weeks starting January 14, take a break the first week of February and then run for another three weeks.

### MAINTENANCE

Leonard Drish has replaced the post on the awning over the north wing entrance of St. Joseph church. Greg Ledger is still looking into a railing for the steps. Mike Adrian suggests using landscaping blocks of simple concrete color to retain the lawn at the bottom of the steps. Jeff Ledger fixed the light above the organ at St. Joseph. It was a loose connection. Steve Pacha reports that the furnaces at St. Joseph seem to be operating okay and were only mentioned due to the extra-cold weather we have been experiencing.

### ALTAR AND ROSARY

Shirley reports that the Parish Brunch was very successful. We seem to have better attendance in January than we have had (historically) in December. There was also a display from the NCYC. Greg and Elan Ledger briefly spoke about it at the end of Mass.

## FINANCE

Amy Webber reports that we are now half way through our fiscal year. Our active membership is decreasing but our expenses remain about the same. Jeff Ledger said reading Shirley's ten-year review in the bulletin opened his eyes, especially having 114 registered families now vs. 144 ten years ago. He said we should educate the parishioners. We may consider writing a letter to the parish to increase contributions. Shirley says that even though we can now accept Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT's) through Federation Bank, no one has signed up to do so.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jeff Ledger opened nominations for secretary, president and vice-president. Amy Webber and Karen Morgan nominated Kelsey Rubey for secretary. Amy Webber and Nancy Anderson nominated Jeff Ledger for vice-president and Paul Fritz for president. Having no other nominations, nominations were closed and a vote was taken. The following were approved as officers for parish council:

President:	Paul Fritz
Vice-President:	Jeff Ledger
Secretary:	Kelsey Rubey

## LAWN MOWING

The parish is again accepting bids for lawn mowing at St. Joseph. Shirley provided a bid letter/advertisement. Kelsey Rubey moved to approve the bid letter. Karen Morgan seconded. Approved. The ad will be placed with Golden Triangle (Fairfield, Washington, Mt. Pleasant) and the Plainsman-Clarion.

## TREE REMOVAL

Referring to the December meeting minutes (to remove only the worst trees), Mike Adrian asked how do we know *which* ash trees are bad or the worst? Several suggestions were made for possible contacts: Ray Lehn, DNR Forrester; Caleb with Four Seasons Conservation; Dan Raymond from Coppock. After some discussion, this topic has been tabled until February.

## SNOW REMOVAL

Justin Craun cleared the street/parking area for St. Joseph. We still don't have anyone to clear sidewalks.

A closing prayer was read by Shirley. Paul Fritz moved to adjourn. Amy Webber seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

The next meeting will be February 14, 2018, 7pm at St. Joseph Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Fritz