

SAINT JOSEPH & CABRINI PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 14, 2018

The February meeting was called to order by President, Paul Fritz, at 7:22 PM. Members present were Paul Fritz, Jeff Ledger, Kelsey Rubey, Karen Morgan, Mike Adrian, Nancy Anderson, Dan Fritz, and Shirley VanDee. Additional guests present were Rosemary Pacha and Steve Pacha.

An opening prayer was recited. Minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting were read by Paul Fritz. Kelsey Rubey moved to approve the minutes. Karen Morgan seconded. Approved.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE/SOCIAL ACTION

No report

FAMILY LIFE

Nancy Anderson discussed a 10-year event celebration in honor of Shirley's service. It tied nicely with coffee and rolls and Nancy suggests we continue this yearly. Jeff Ledger provided special recognition to Rosemary Pacha for the success of the event and Shirley thanked all persons of the church. Arlene is continuing to send out cards to anyone that is ill.

LITURGY

Nancy Anderson reports continuation of the DVD Bible Study series. Participation has been low but possibly due to all of the sickness occurring in the parish. 4 DVD's will be saved for Advent and they plan to "well inform" parishioners to prepare them for next year. She reports one person returned and she is pleased with this.

MAINTENANCE

Paul Fritz questioned progress with the railing. Mike Adrian plans to stop at Menards and pick up brochures regarding the railing on the north wing entrance to St. Joseph Church and reports we will not install the block and lose rock until the spring. Dan Fritz reports it was brought to his attention that there is a loose railing on the west stairway downstairs.

Shirley reports there have also been problems with the elevator. Chuck Ledger came and fixed it and it was working for approximately 2 weeks and then quit working again. He believes there may be a problem with a timing switch. Steve Pacha states in the past a breaker has needed replaced in the past which in turn fixed the elevator. Karen Morgan questions if a sign needs to be placed in the elevator with emergency phone numbers. Mike Adrian reports the state and an elevator inspector come yearly, he believes in July. Jeff Ledger plans to contact Chuck Ledger to follow-up on the elevator.

Steve Pacha reports the yard light is still blinking which is tied to the flag light and the sign and none of them are working. Jeff Ledger will also discuss this with Chuck when he contacts him.

ALTAR AND ROSARY

Rosemary Pacha reports there was a meeting yesterday. The first Sunday of March will be the soup supper at Mother Cabrini with a sign up on the door at St. Joseph.

The KC fish fry will be held March 16th at St. Joseph from 5-7 PM. The first one will be this Friday (16th) with another on March 2nd and the 23rd in Fairfield from 5-7 PM.

We are planning to have the bazaar on August 26th. Shirley reports talking with St. Mary's in Fairfield about when they are doing their annual picnic but they haven't put their calendar together yet so aren't sure.

The Lions in Richland is having a pork chop dinner Saturday, March 17th which will be a benefit for Andy Wells.

On Tuesday, June 12th, WMT tractor ride is coming through Richland with 500 tractors which will be one of our church fundraisers. We will be serving from 8-11. Tractor riders are sent out at 20 minutes intervals. We will be set up at Mother Cabrini and providing the food. It is a free will donation from the tractor riders. Rosemary reports will need to decide what to serve.

Fairfield is having confirmation on March 10th at 5:30. Several parishioners from our parish will be receiving confirmation from there. Bishop Zinkula will be there all weekend and saying all of the masses.

FINANCE

Mike Adrian reports finances. The income budget is over budget (meaning we have made more than we budgeted for). Towards the end of the fiscal year we tend to historically see less income. Expenses are profiting.

In regards to receiving more income, Jeff Ledger questions if we have heard back from someone at the diocese in regards to sending a letter out to the parishioners. Mike Adrian reports himself, Amy Webber, and Shirley Van Dee met and contacted this gentleman with some information and are awaiting a response.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Shirley reports there were approximately 55 families. 38 are submitted due to sickness, vacations, traveling, etc.

LAWN MOWING

Shirley reports receiving one bid from Huisenga Mowing for \$177/mowing. He lives in Wayland. Mike Adrian reports he believes last year was \$100/month. Randy Stewart would like to put in a bid and currently mows the cemetery but this hasn't been received. Shirley also reports hearing that Dave Duensing reports interest however hasn't placed a bid either. Kelly Farrier wrote Shirley a letter stating he was interested however is concerned with the hour and a half drive he would have to mow the yard. He is interested if needed. Mike Adrian reports concern for pricing of the mowing. This topic has been tabled until March.

TREE REMOVAL

Shirley spoke with Ray Lehn and he suggests that all of the trees are removed. There are 8 trees total and approximately 3 smaller trees on the North side of the road. There are also 6 trees at Richland. Mike Adrian questions how well the wood would sell on the bazaar. Jeff Ledger spoke with Dan Raymond from Coppock. Dan did not provide a bid. Mike Adrian suggests that we call Alliant to drop the powerline for the one tree that is near the line. Shirley reports that Arlene Fritz commented on the Amish removing trees in their yard. Jeff Ledger is to speak with some of the Amish neighbors about their availability. Shirley questions Trent Greiner who did the ditches along the road between Richland to

Rubio and was pleased with his work. Mike Adrian states he can contact him. Nancy Anderson moves that we remove the trees as soon as possible. Kelsey Rubey seconds this. Approved.

SNOW REMOVAL

Paul Fritz questions if we are still looking for someone to move snow on the sidewalks full time. Shirley reports nobody has been found to complete this full time. Justin Craun is moving the snow on the parking lot but does not want to manage the sidewalks. Paul Fritz is willing to help with the sidewalks, however isn't able to do it all of the time. Shirley suggests that we offer to pay someone for this.

A closing prayer was read by Shirley. Kelsey Rubey moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dan Fritz. The next meeting is March 14th at 7:00 PM at Mother Cabrini.