

SAINT JOSEPH & CABRINI PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 14, 2018

The February meeting was called to order by President, Paul Fritz, at 7:12 PM. Members present were Paul Fritz, Jeff Ledger, Kelsey Rubey, Mike Adrian, Nancy Anderson, Dan Fritz, and Shirley VanDee. Additional guests present are Steve Pacha and Rosemary Pacha.

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

CHRISTIAN SERVICE/SOCIAL ACTION

No report

FAMILY LIFE

Nancy Anderson again thanks many persons of the parish for the celebration for Shirley's service. Nancy would like other parishioners to be aware of those who are homebound and report these names to either herself or Arlene Fritz so they can be visited, especially for communion. Paul Fritz suggests placing a reminder into the bulletin. Shirley questions if Virgil and Janice Ledger need to be visited.

LITURGY

Nancy states there have been 2 regulars for bible study and would like to invite more parishioners to participate.

MAINTENANCE

Mike Adrian reports Menards doesn't have a large variety for railings. He does report having a large selection for size and color for landscaping blocks.

There were problems noted with the elevator tonight after the soup supper as some parishioners were stuck inside. This continues to be a problem. Chuck Ledger is aware of this. Shirley states one of the lights inside of the elevator is not coming on, which Chuck is also aware of. Leonard suggests we contact the manufacturer of the elevator, however is unsure if the company is still in existence. Nancy Anderson suggests that we place a list of phone numbers or a phone book in the elevator. Kelsey Rubey suggests to contact the manufacturer of the elevator to see if they can send a technician. Jeff Ledger will again talk to Chuck Ledger about looking in to fixing it.

Mike Adrian reports we will need to set up a group of people to help clean up the yard here at St. Joseph's and will mention this at church on Sunday. He personally has cleaned up the Mother Cabrini yard.

ALTAR AND ROSARY

Rosemary Pacha is planning to speak with Jim Ledger about what types of food are typically on tractor rides. There is a funeral this Friday. Shirley reports that the first Sunday in May we will have a Family Life breakfast headed up by Gary and Suanne Dickey.

FINANCE

The parish was under budget for the month of February for envelope contributions, however we remain over projected budget for this. He reports this is typical, however during the summer months we tend to see lower income from envelopes and the offertory. Total expenses for February were \$8,498.19.

Ultimately, we are approximately \$5,000 over budget for expenses, which may be attributed to the bell tower expenses, paying the full Catholic Messenger, etc.

LAWN MOWING

Shirley reports receiving multiple more bids. Kelly Farrier submitted a bid for \$155/mowing and trimming. Stewart services, who currently manages the cemetery, submitted a bid for \$190/mowing. Another bid received from Randy Arthur (from Ainsworth) for \$160/mowing. Shirley again reports Huisenga Mowing bid of \$177/mowing. Mike Adrian reports Outdoor Oasis Mowing put a bid in of \$175/mowing. Steve Miller, who does the current mowing, provided a bid of \$150/mowing and trimming. Steve Miller states if we take out the ditch mowing, the bid will go down to \$120/mowing. Mike Adrian also reports speaking with other lawn care providers, who are not interested. Paul Fritz suggests Kelly Farrier as he is an active member of the parish. Shirley reports not being overly pleased with Steve Miller's services. Jeff Ledger moves to accept Kelly Farrier's bid for mowing. Kelsey Rubey seconded. Approved. Shirley will contact Kelly Farrier to discuss the mowing, prior to sending letters out to the other companies/persons who provided bids.

TREE REMOVAL

Mike Adrian reports that Henry Mineart would be willing to come and drop the trees but would like help. Henry Mineart would however like to take the burnable wood. Jeff Ledger reports Trent Greiner has a bid of \$500/tree but will not remove the stump. Mike Adrian received multiple bids from a provider in Keota at \$120/tree to drop the trees. Clean up of all of the trees, however leaving of the fire wood, is \$3,200. There would be an additional \$800 to grind the stumps. Midwest Tree Service placed a bid well over \$9,000. Mike Adrian reports Dan Fritz suggests renting a chipper to help with clean up. Mike found a rental facility in Ft. Madison which is \$95/day. Paul Fritz reports having a small chipper as well. Jeff Ledger reports having a verbal commitment from Dan Raymond at Coppock to drop the trees. A concern remains for stump grinding. Leonard Drish moves that we approve Trent Griner's bid. Nancy Anderson seconded. Approved.

SNOW REMOVAL

Paul Fritz offers to manage the sidewalks for the duration of this year.

A closing prayer was read by all. Shirley reports receiving a goal base for the annual appeal for this coming year. Jeff Ledger moved to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:00 at Mother Cabrini. Meeting adjourned at 8:26.

Respectfully submitted by Kelsey Rubey