

Ss. Joseph and Cabrini Parish Council Minutes

November 11, 2020

The November meeting was called to order by President Greg Ledger at 7:16pm at Mother Cabrini Hall. Members present were Greg Ledger, Shirley Van Dee, Jeff Ledger, Marian Milender, Arlene Fritz, Paul Fritz, Nancy Anderson and Mike Adrian.

Opening Prayer read by Shirley Van Dee.

Arlene Fritz read the minutes of the October meeting. Seven corrections were made.

Amendments/corrections:

1. Remove last sentence of New Business #3 concerning dedication.
2. Remove Greg Ledger and add Shirley Van Dee and Wayne Kneeskern to New Business #5.
3. Remove New Business #8 entirely.
4. Add to New Business #9 that term has expired.
5. Liturgy #1 – No Holy Day Mass/falls on Sunday.
6. Oreck Vacuum cord was replaced.
7. PLC (Parish Life Coordinator) was not discontinued, will resume.

Marian Milender moved to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Paul Fritz. Approved.

Committee Reports

Christian Service/Social Action

Nancy thanked the parishioners and Council for prayers and kindness after her sister's funeral and her foot surgery.

Nancy reports on the Olds shelter for men. The Bethel Church represents this facility and reorganizing. The council did contribute money earlier this year.

Nancy and Arlene will make up folders for parishioners (shut-ins) consisting of 2021 calendar, bulletin with Mass schedule for the holidays and booklets for reading.

Family Life

Arlene reports Kay Pohren has accepted our invitation to join the Parish Council. Thank you, Kay.

Arlene sent Fr. Connolly a "get well" card from the Parish and he sent greetings back to us.

Liturgy

Marian reports that Jane Adrian is not yet able to play the organ at Mass. Amy Jones is the only person we have right now.

Marian also reports:

1. No outright singing still in effect but suggested the choir could sing outside as people come to Christmas Eve Mass.
2. No fresh poinsettias this year.
3. Limited decoration for the holiday.
4. Tree and crib scene.

Maintenance

Paul Fritz turned on the heat at St Joseph and asked about location of furnace filters. Jeff Ledger reports furnace filters are in the bottom of the furnace but don't seem to fit properly.

Paul Fritz has not yet followed up with Fairfield Glass (Bainbridge) to replace window.

Steve Pacha memorial plaque is finished and will be placed on the bell tower. Discussion followed on how to mount it. Plaque was made at Custom Impressions, 1110 W. 5th St., Washington. 319-653-7224.

Finance

Mike gave a report on Profit and Loss Budget performance. The expense amount is deceiving due to Bell Tower cost.

Altar and Rosary

Shirley reports on visits to shut-ins and making “treats” and handing out calendars.

Old Business

Discussion of Parish Council Elections.

1. Keep people on the council.
2. Would early meeting time help in the winter months?
3. We appreciate the new parishioners coming on the council. Thank you Kay, Tristan and Carol Robison.

New Business

Shirley reports on the Pekin Ministerial Christmas giving to approximately 40 families. Brighton Baskets for those in need which include some of our parishioners.

Thanksgiving Eve Mass – November 25 6:00pm Mother Cabrini

Christmas Eve Mass – December 24 3:00pm St Joseph

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New Year’s Mass – January 1, 2021

Shirley reports that Bishop Zinkula urges diocesan Catholics to “double-down” on all current safety protocols for COVID. The dispensation to attend Mass is still in effect.

Shirley reports that the Diocese is talking more about clustering and merging of parishes because of the priest shortage.

Shirley announced that she will be retiring the first of the new year from her position here at SS Joseph and Cabrini. Our prayers and best wishes follow you, Shirley. God bless you!

A closing prayer was recited by all.

Paul moved to adjourn. Seconded by Marian. Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Next meeting will be at St Joseph on December 9, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Fritz/Paul Fritz