

Ss. Joseph and Cabrini Parish Council Minutes

December 9, 2020

The December meeting was called to order by President Greg Ledger at 7:07pm at St. Joseph Hall. Members present were Greg Ledger, Shirley Van Dee, Marian Milender, Arlene Fritz, Paul Fritz, Jeff Ledger, Mike Adrian, Nancy Anderson, Bob Kiefer, Rosemary Pacha, Kay Pohren, Carol and Larry Robison.

Opening Prayer read by Shirley Van Dee and council members.

Arlene Fritz read the minutes of the November meeting. One correction made by Marian that the choir will not sing outside before Christmas Eve Mass due to practice time, health and weather. Marian moved to approve. Seconded by Paul. Approved.

Committee Reports

Christian Service/Social Action

Nancy gave a brief report on the Olds shelter for men. The exterior doors were replaced. Nancy and Arlene delivered folders to parish shut-ins consisting of holiday schedules and reading material.

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Family Life

Arlene reports sending holiday greetings to shut-in parishioners.
Arlene returned a fall planter to Caryl Smith and thanked her for her contribution.

Liturgy

Marian reports that the Christmas holiday decorating will be cut back due to COVID. Will need volunteer help getting items (Christmas Tree and Nativity) out of storage. No fresh poinsettias this year.

Maintenance

Minimal reports from Paul Fritz and Jeff Ledger.

Finance

Mike Adrian reports on Profit and Loss Budget Performance. This committee was expecting more expense than income, but Mike reports that we are ahead of expenses.
Shirley reports last mowing expense came in.

Altar and Rosary

Shirley reports that small Boyd's meat and cheese trays with a mask and ornament were delivered to 16 parishioners by Rosemary, Carol Robison and Shirley.

Old Business

New parish council members are Kay Pohren, Tristan Ledger, and Larry and Carol Robison. Bishop Zinkula will be here December 13, 2020 for Sunday 8:30am Mass.

Christmas Eve Mass schedule December 24, 2020

3pm St. Joseph

5pm Mother Cabrini

New Business

Mass schedule for 12/27/2020 with Father Damian changed to 12/26/2020 Saturday evening Mass due to Father's trip. Time will be announced.

Father Louis Leonhardt will say Mass in January at St. Joseph, but not sure of January 1st yet.

Greg reports on teleconference call with Bishop Zinkula.

1. Good discussion
2. Bishop states he doesn't want church closing
3. We are not the only parish with issues

Good discussion followed on volunteers to pick up Shirley's jobs that need done as she leaves soon.

1. Financial director / authorized to handle finances as check signer. Need approval from the council. Marian Milender moved to nominate Mike Adrian. Seconded by Paul Fritz. Motion passed. Mike received authority to handle finances with Kara Sobaski. Mike will correspond also with Wayne Kneeskern, Lay Director. Federation Bank, Richland will need minutes to prove Mike has authorization from Parish Council. Duties include mail/bills to pay/ deposits and more to come.
2. Phone transfer to take future calls – Greg Ledger volunteered.
3. Prepare Altar for Mass, responsible for hosts, light candles, wine. Arlene, Nancy, Kay and Marian volunteered starting January 8th.
4. Open doors for Mass, turn up heat Sundays. Paul Fritz
5. Sunday Bulletins, email them out and send to people with no email. Include any pertinent information from the Diocese. No volunteer yet.
6. Kay Pohren volunteered to wash and iron altar linens.
7. Funeral planning with family of the deceased and funeral director, getting priest, setting date and time of funeral.
8. Preparation of end of fiscal year reports for Diocese. Mike Adrian volunteered. Will also take over email for the parish.
9. Greg and Shirley will meet at Rectory to discuss her job description, duties and tasks. Meeting again before her leaving.
10. Stipend account. Shirley will make record of Masses said for the deceased.
11. Greg reports that Bishop will be very interested how we handle the next couple months. Will present to Bishop what we take over when Shirley leaves. Shirley states she will still help us after she leaves.

Much discussion followed concerning 3 options next year.

1. Cluster with another parish
2. Merge with another parish
3. Parish Life Administrator. Only 2 in the diocese. Deacons are preferred.

Also discussed parish viability versus vitality.

Also need to reevaluate and trim expenses where and when possible. Wages we pay.

As a closing prayer Shirley read a reading by Mother Teresa.

Larry moved to adjourn. Seconded by Kay. Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Next meeting will be at Mother Cabrini on January 6th, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Fritz/Paul Fritz