

Ss. Joseph and Cabrini Parish Council Minutes

February 3, 2021

The February meeting was called to order by Vice-President Paul Fritz at 6:24pm at St. Joseph hall. Members present were: Greg Ledger, Jeff Ledger, Paul Fritz, Carol Robison, Larry Robison, Marian Milender, Kay Pohren, Nancy Anderson and Arlene Fritz. Also present were Mike Adrian, Kara Sobaski and Father Lathrop.

Opening prayer was led by Father Lathrop.

Arlene Fritz read the minutes of the January meeting. Corrections follow:

- 1) Christian Service/Social Action #2: change “baptism reporting” to “sacramental reporting”
- 2) Christian Service/Social Action #4: correct Fr. Lathrop’s title to “Priest Administrator”
- 3) Liturgy #1: correct spelling “husband”
- 4) Finance #2: remove this line
- 5) Finance #4: remove this line
- 6) Finance #6: remove this line

Carol moved to approve. Seconded by Greg. Approved. Father Lathrop suggested that the minutes should be sent to the council to be read before the meetings to save time.

Committee Reports

Christian Service/Social Action

Nancy thanked Father Lathrop for being with us. She explained to Father the purpose of “Letter to Our Parish Family” to inform parishioners of the council’s plan to keep the parish open. To accomplish this everyone’s financial help is needed in coming months due to low attendance.

Family Life

Arlene suggested showing our appreciation to Amy Jones for her time and talent to provide music at Mass every Sunday. A thank-you card was passed around for everyone to sign. Arlene will assemble a “care package” gift and give to Amy after Mass. Arlene also sent a get-well card and gift to Amy’s nephew Nate Morgan who is recovering from a very serious operation.

Liturgy

Marian reports that Father Damian will need to self-quarantine for two weekends after returning from Nigeria. Marian will request Father Leonhardt to cover Masses February 7 and 14. Ash Wednesday is February 17. Father Lou is unavailable and Fr Damian will still be in self-quarantine. Marian will lead a prayer service and distribute ashes on top of heads, not on the forehead. Stations of the Cross will begin February 24 at St Joseph and alternate to Mother Cabrini every other week. No soup supper this year. Marian reports Sacristan list has been taken care of for Ss. Joseph and Cabrini.

Maintenance

Paul gave a minimal report. Mike reports Shirley no longer wants to purchase the freezer.

Finance

Mike Adrian reports:

- 1) Parish checks written for over \$5,000 need a second signature (lay director)
- 2) SBA Loan
 - a. 1st round has been approved and finalized. Forgiven January 21.
 - b. Jeff asks if we qualify for more money on 1st round.
 - c. 2nd round application deadline approaching.
 - d. 1st round must be complete before continuing to 2nd round.
 - e. Much discussion followed
 - f. Mike will follow up.

Altar and Rosary

No meeting to report

Old Business

- 1) Wayne Kneeskern is no longer lay director
- 2) Bishop said make plans for 6 months to a year.
- 3) Paul will speak to Father Damian about his longer-range plans.
- 4) Greg reports that he met with the Bishop and the talk was good.

New Business

- 1) Changes to make – be open to new ideas
- 2) Pray for good outcome
- 3) Adjust and be positive
- 4) Be flexible with new changes that can help us
- 5) Do our very best
- 6) Be positive now. There is a lot of work ahead
- 7) Discussed “lending” of parish tables
- 8) Father Lathrop will have more responsibility

Father Lathrop recited a closing prayer.

Marian moved to adjourn. Seconded by Larry. Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Next meeting will be at Mother Cabrini on March 3, 2021 at 6:30pm following Stations of the Cross.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Fritz/Paul Fritz