

## **Ss. Joseph and Cabrini Parish Council Minutes**

March 3, 2021

The March meeting was called to order by President Greg Ledger at 6:32pm at Mother Cabrini Hall. Members present were: Greg Ledger, Jeff Ledger, Paul Fritz, Tristan Ledger, Larry Robison, Carol Robison, Marian Milender, Kay Pohren, Nancy Anderson, and Arlene Fritz. Also present were Father Lathrop, Mike Adrian, Kara Sobaski, Garry Dickey and Suanne Dickey.

An opening prayer was led by Father Lathrop.

Arlene Fritz read the February minutes. There were no additions or corrections. Paul moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Marian. Approved

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Christian Service/Social Action**

- 1) Nancy reports trying to find good reading materials about St Joseph for the Year of St. Joseph. Marian checked on paperback books, but found them rather expensive. She is looking into prayer cards instead. The bulletin will have listed web sites where you can download a history of St. Joseph's life.
- 2) Good comments received about the Sunday bulletin which is now done by Marian. Discussion about following up with verbal announcements at the end of Mass. Council decided not necessary.
- 3) Knights of Columbus sponsor and prepare fish fry's on Friday evenings during lent for carry-out only. Good attendance reported.

#### **Family Life**

Arlene reports preparing a meal for parishioners Joe and Kathryn Deutsch. Their phone number from the parish directory is not in use now. It was announced that they moved to Richland's Senior Housing after a house fire with much damage. At present time, Joe is living with family in Fairfield and Kathryn is in SunnyBrook Assisted Living in Fairfield.

#### **Liturgy**

Marian reports the schedule for Holy Week and also changes due to COVID-19.

- 1) Palm Sunday at St. Joseph at 8:30am. Palms may be picked up at end of Mass.
- 2) Holy Thursday at Mother Cabrini at 7pm. No feet washing and other restrictions.
- 3) Good Friday at St. Joseph at 7pm. No veneration of the cross.
- 4) Holy Saturday at Mother Cabrini at 8:15pm. No fire/water blessings. Minimal readings.
- 5) Easter Sunday at St. Joseph at 8:30am.

#### **Maintenance**

Discussion of St. Joseph and Mother Cabrini lawn mowing. Mike Adrian has names and phone numbers of last year's mowers. Marian offered to request bids.

## **Finance**

Mike reports

- 1) Funds from a CD that matured/closed in January will be used to open another CD at Federation Bank for 25 months. Father will open the CD.
- 2) SBA loan will be significantly less this time since Shirley retired and 60% of loan must be used for labor.
- 3) SBA loan application must be completed by the end of March. He will finalize and send to Father Lathrop for signature.
- 4) Discussed Profit and Loss Budget Performance. Income is still down, but we are still better than budgeted. This is mostly due to very good contributions to make up for the canceled Bazaar.

## **Altar and Rosary**

No meeting to report

## **Old Business**

- 1) Paul reports having a positive talk with Father Damian about his long term plans and the future of our parish.
- 2) Parishioners response to the "Parish Letter" have been very good.
- 3) Membership list. Greg asked if it is possible to mail the "Parish Letter" to parishioners who do not come to church and do not currently receive the bulletin via mail or email. Marian will look into it. Discussion about using past parish directory to help identify people who may fall into this category.
- 4) Discussion whether parishioners will come back when masks are no longer necessary.
- 5) Father Lathrop reports about the Diocese Catholic Directory, what is included in it and how it is difficult to keep it accurate.
- 6) Change in Hall rentals. Discussion about COVID changes, rental charges and insurance requirements.
- 7) Table rentals and charges discussed. We have had a few incidents where tables were "borrowed" and not returned in a timely manner and/or returned dirty. New guidelines:
  - a. Only parishioners may request the tables
  - b. Deposit of \$100 required
  - c. 3 day maximum
  - d. Kay suggested these guidelines be posted. Mike said we only need a written policy.
- 8) Parish Roles and Duties. No changes needed at this time.

## **New Business**

### **Signing Authority for Parish Accounts at Federation Bank**

Father Lathrop requested signing authority over Ss. Joseph and Cabrini Parish accounts per Diocesan Policy. He discussed points of the Diocesan Policy and how our parish is not currently in compliance with that policy. Much discussion followed.

Greg Ledger moved to add Father Lathrop and remove both Mike Adrian and Wayne Kneeskern to/from signing authority over all parish accounts, excepting the Altar and Rosary accounts, since there were no A/R officers present. Altar and Rosary should have their own meeting. Nancy Anderson seconded. Approved.

### **Comments from Father Lathrop**

- 1) Catholic Messenger statement received. Parishioners who have not yet paid should be called so the parish does not have to pay their subscriptions.
- 2) Missionaries from “Mission Appeal” are in this area June 19 and 20, 2021. The individual coming does not drive and will need driven to his destinations.
- 3) Father passed out a diocesan newsletter regarding some COVID vaccines produced with cell lines from aborted baby tissue. It is not immoral to receive these vaccines.

Father Lathrop led the council in reciting the “Hail Mary” as a closing prayer. He stated he would like to do more as our dedicated priest for the parish.

Larry moved to adjourn. Seconded by Paul. Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Next meeting will be at Saint Joseph on April 7, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arlene Fritz/Paul Fritz